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### THE CHASE: PART ONE



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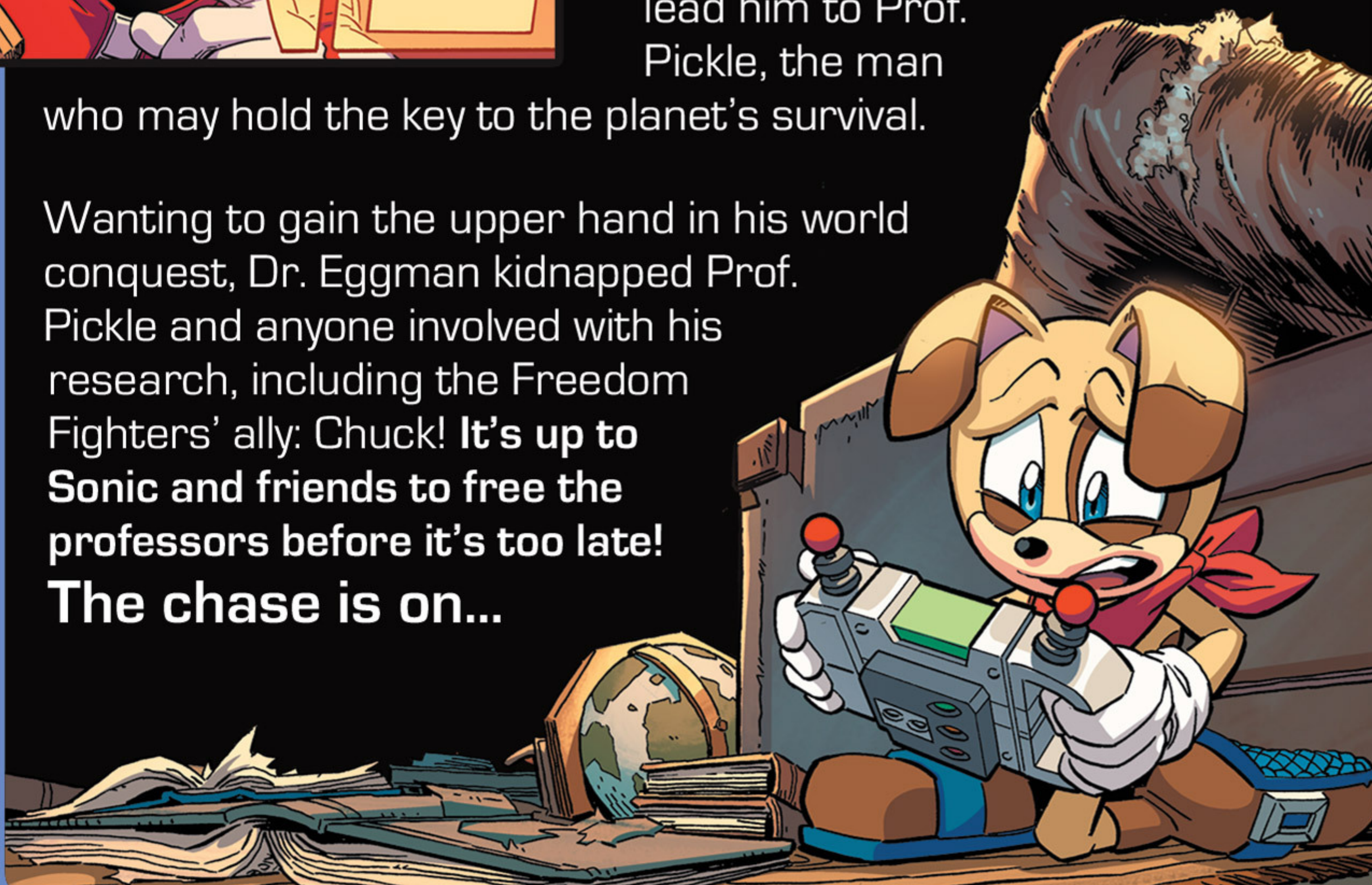
Sonic the Hedgehog and his heroic Freedom Fighter friends have saved the world countless times over. Now they might be out of their league.

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Wanting to gain the upper hand in his world conquest, Dr. Eggman kidnapped Prof. Pickle and anyone involved with his research, including the Freedom Fighters' ally: Chuck! **It's up to Sonic and friends to free the professors before it's too late! The chase is on...**



### WHO'S WHO



**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
WORLD HERO



**PRINCESS SALLY ACORN**  
LEADER OF THE  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS



**PROFS. PICKLE & CHUCK**  
PRECIOUS CARGO



???



SOLEANNA  
FOREST  
ZONE...

"HOURS AGO,  
DR. EGGMAN  
SENT A BADNIK  
HORDE TO  
SPAGONIA  
UNIVERSITY.

"THE BADNIKS  
RAIDED THE  
OFFICES FOR  
DOCUMENTS,  
SCIENTIFIC  
SAMPLES..."

WOO-  
HOO! HERE  
WE GO!

"...AND RE-  
SEARCHERS.  
THEY TOOK  
UNCLE CHUCK  
AND HIS COLLEAGUE  
...PROF. PICKLE.

"THANKS TO  
THE ACCESS  
CODES I  
'BORROWED'  
FROM THE DEATH  
EGG,\* WE KNOW  
THEY'RE BEING  
TRANSPORTED FOR  
PICK-UP AT THE  
BULLET STATION IN  
RAIL CANYON ZONE.

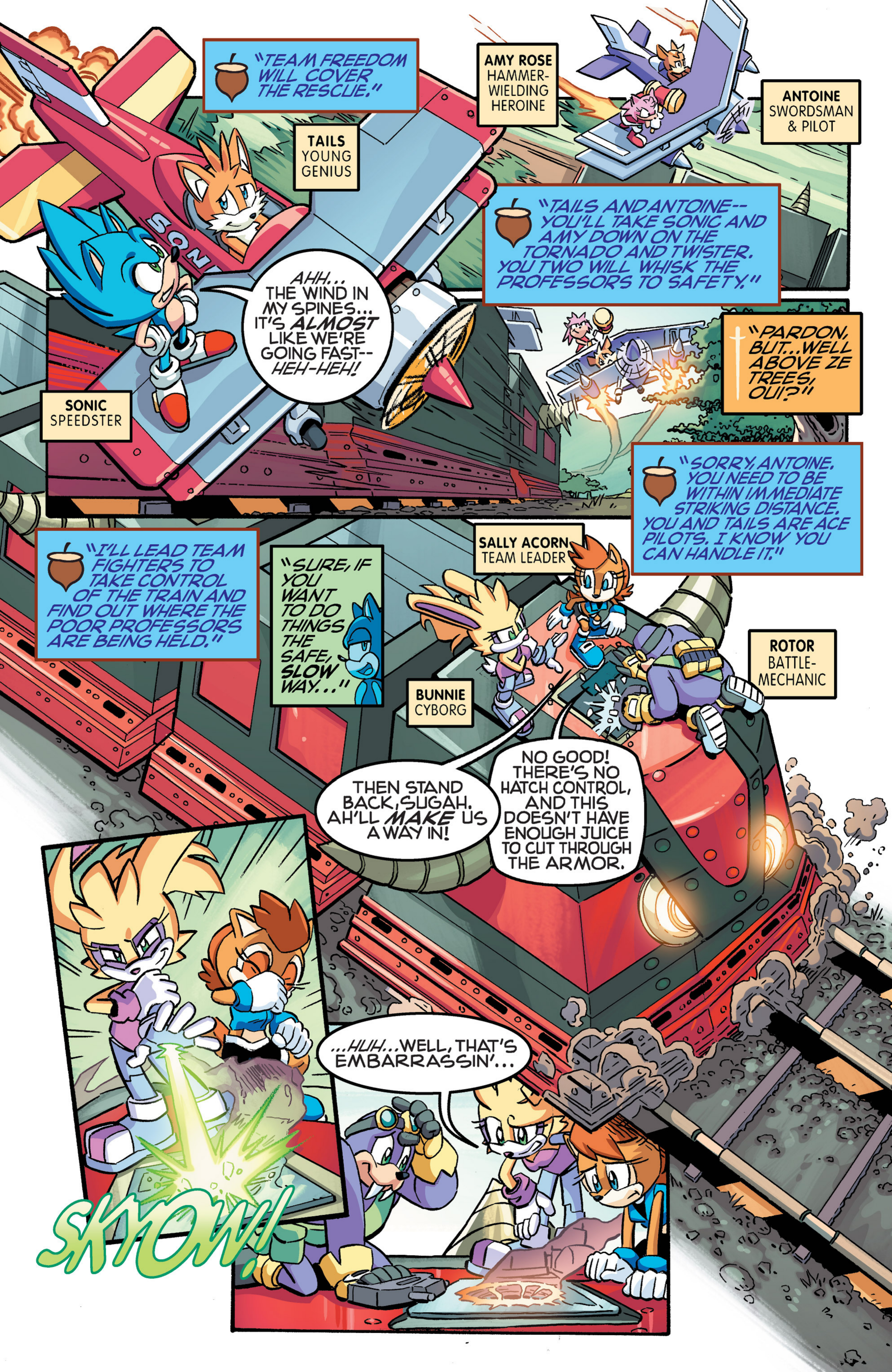
"FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS --  
WE ARE NOT  
LETTING EGGMAN  
GET AWAY WITH  
THIS.

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"TEAM FREEDOM  
WILL COVER  
THE RESCUE."

AMY ROSE  
HAMMER-  
WIELDING  
HEROINE

ANTOINE  
SWORDSMAN  
& PILOT

TAILS  
YOUNG  
GENIUS

"TAILS AND ANTOINE--  
YOU'LL TAKE SONIC AND  
AMY DOWN ON THE  
TORNADO AND TWISTER.  
YOU TWO WILL WHISK THE  
PROFESSORS TO SAFETY!"

"PARDON,  
BUT...WELL  
ABOVE ZE  
TREES,  
OLI?!"

SONIC  
SPEEDSTER

AHH...  
THE WIND IN  
MY SPINES...  
IT'S ALMOST  
LIKE WE'RE  
GOING FAST--  
HEH-HEH!

"SORRY, ANTOINE,  
YOU NEED TO BE  
WITHIN IMMEDIATE  
STRIKING DISTANCE.  
YOU AND TAILS ARE ACE  
PILOTS. I KNOW YOU  
CAN HANDLE IT."

"I'LL LEAD TEAM  
FIGHTERS TO  
TAKE CONTROL  
OF THE TRAIN AND  
FIND OUT WHERE THE  
POOR PROFESSORS  
ARE BEING HELD."

"SURE, IF  
YOU  
WANT  
TO DO  
THINGS  
THE  
SAFE,  
SLOW  
WAY..."

SALLY ACORN  
TEAM LEADER

BUNNIE  
CYBORG

ROTOR  
BATTLE-  
MECHANIC

NO GOOD!  
THERE'S NO  
HATCH CONTROL,  
AND THIS  
DOESN'T HAVE  
ENOUGH JUICE  
TO CUT THROUGH  
THE ARMOR.

THEN STAND  
BACK, SUGAH.  
AH'LL MAKE US  
A WAY IN!

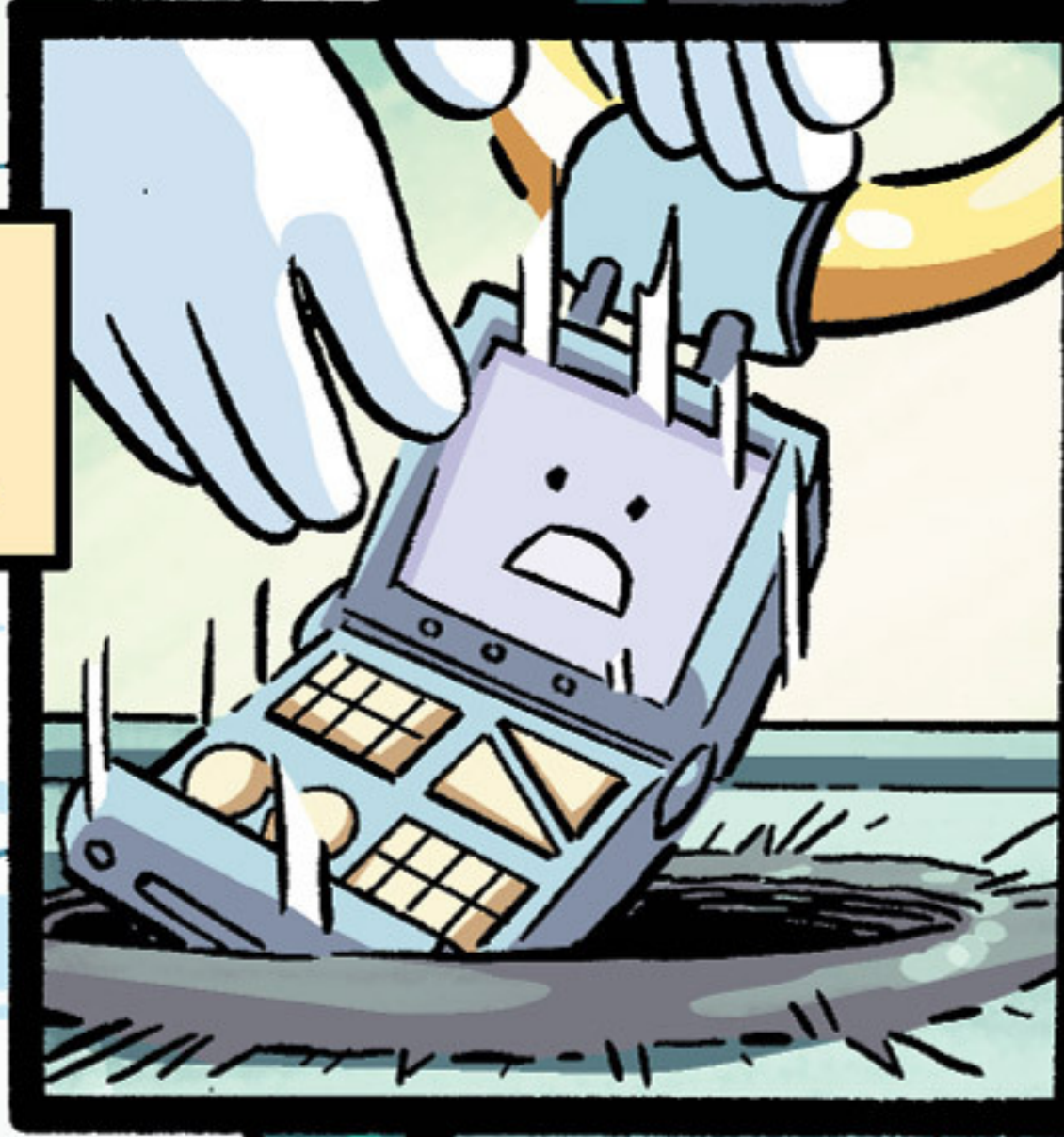
...HUH...WELL, THAT'S  
EMBARRASSIN'...

SKOW!



NOT TO WORRY,  
BUNNIE. WE CAN  
MAKE THIS  
WORK.

NICOLE  
HAND-HELD  
COMPUTER...



GENTLY,  
PLEASE. MY  
COMPO-  
NENTS ARE  
ONE-OF-A-  
KIND.

...AND LIVING  
A.I.\*

\*ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE

SORRY, BUT NO ONE  
ELSE WOULD FIT! CAN  
YOU TAKE CONTROL  
OF THE TRAIN'S  
SYSTEMS?

IT'S RUNNING  
ON THE STANDARD  
EGG-OS. I CAN  
GET IN, BUT IT  
WILL TAKE A FEW  
MINUTES.

THUNK!



HURRY.  
WE DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
THIS THING  
HAS FOR  
DEFENSES.

I THINK  
I HAVE  
AN IDEA.

E-106 ETA  
HORDE  
COMMANDER

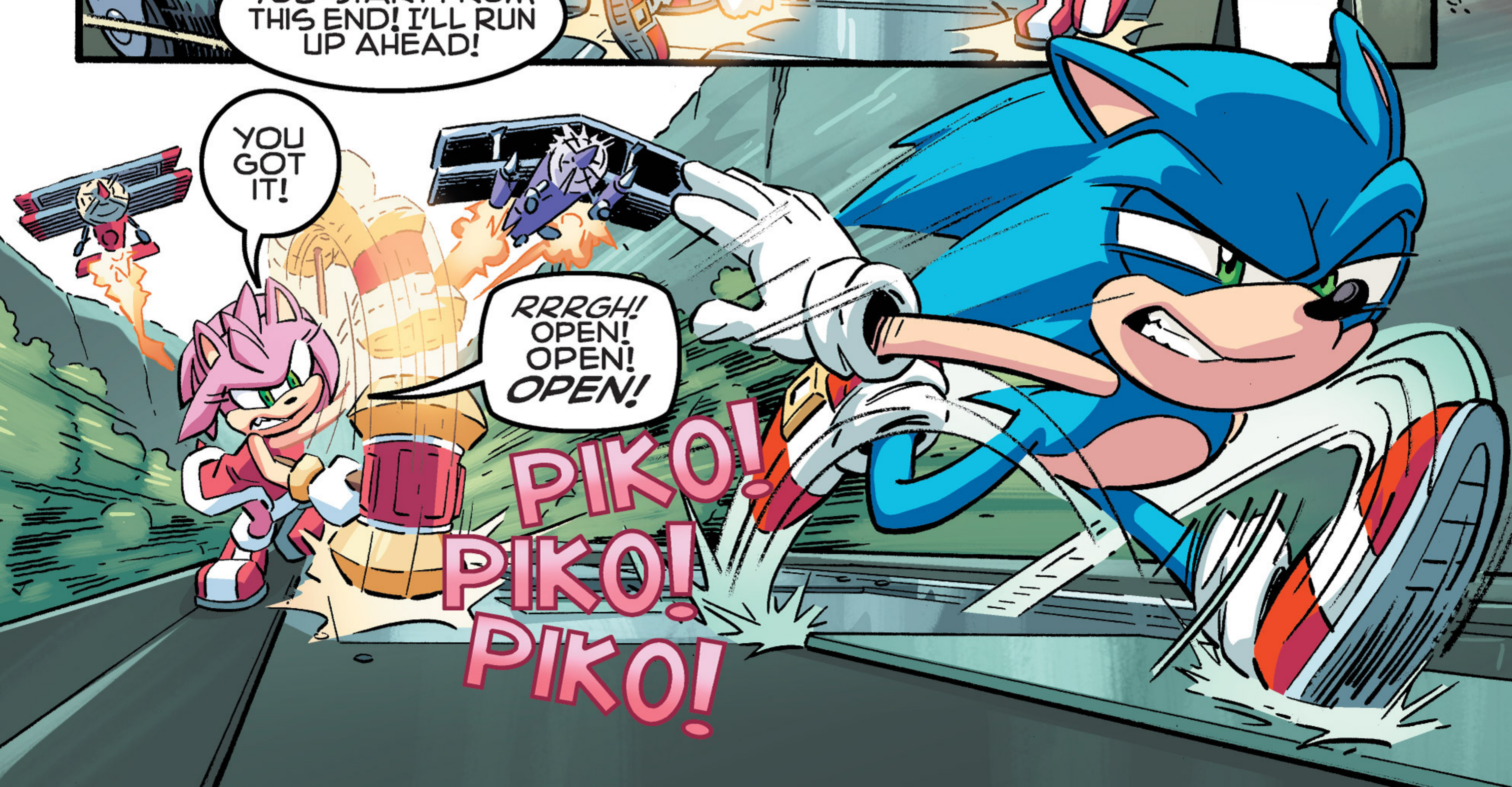
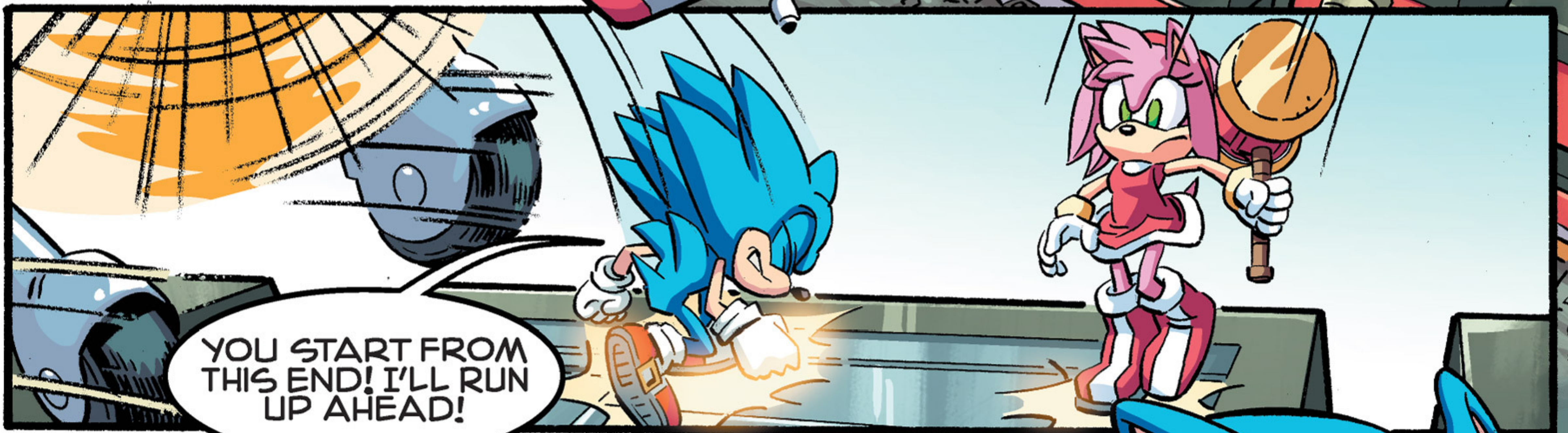
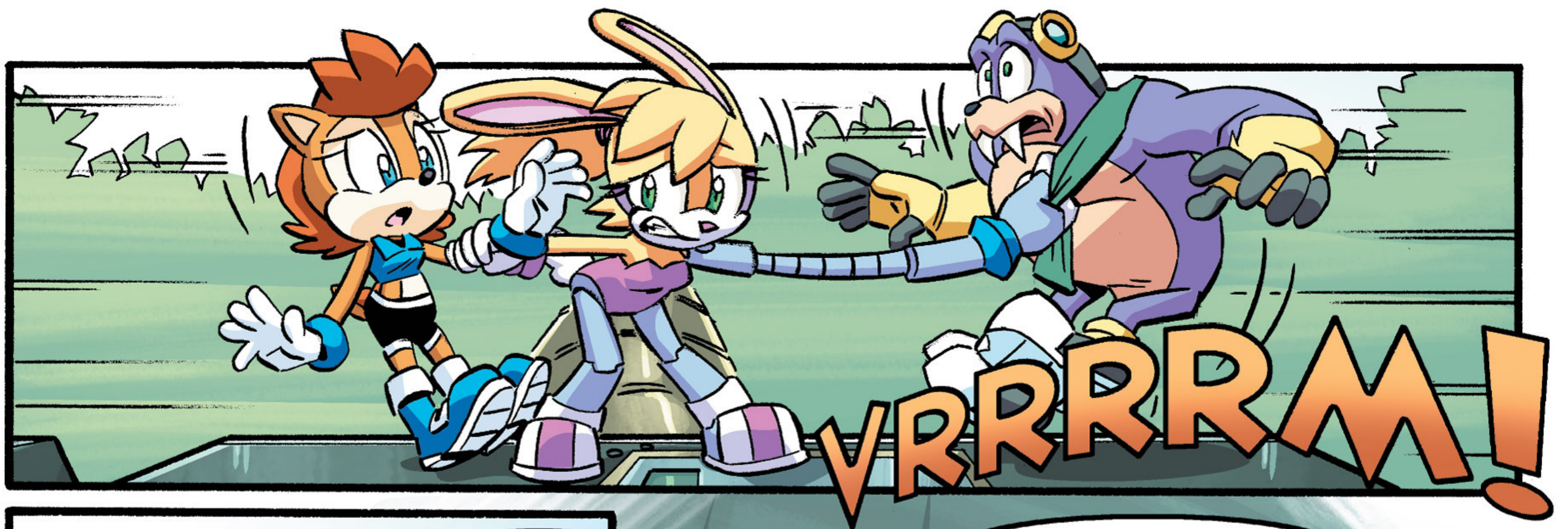
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KA-THUNK!

I-I DON'T  
SUPPOSE  
YOU'RE ONE  
OF THOSE  
**ROGUE**  
BADNIKS  
ON **OUR**  
SIDE...?

SMASH!







**VRRRRM!**

TERRIBLY  
SORRY, CHARLES.  
I'M AFRAID I LOST  
MY BALANCE FOR  
A MOMENT.

*MMPH!* NOT  
YOUR FAULT,  
DILLON! THE  
TRAIN LURCHED!

**OOF!**

**PROF. PICKLE**  
HE'S BRILLIANT--  
NO, REALLY!

**PROF. CHARLES**  
A.K.A. "UNCLE  
CHUCK"

IN FACT, IT  
FEELS LIKE WE'RE  
ACCELERATING  
TO DANGEROUS  
SPEEDS.

*HMPH!* I  
SHALL HAVE  
A WORD WITH  
THE CON-  
DUCTOR. THIS  
IS NO WAY TO  
RUN A RAIL-  
ROAD.

THESE ACCOMMODATIONS  
ARE BEASTLY! AND I ORDERED  
MY LUNCH HOURS AGO!  
HONESTLY, HOW DIFFICULT IS IT  
TO PREPARE A PROPER  
CUCUMBER SANDWICH, I ASK  
YOU?

CALM DOWN, OLD  
FRIEND. HOPEFULLY,  
THIS MEANS WE'RE  
ABOUT TO BE  
RESCUED.

I SHOULD HOPE  
SO! COME, HELP  
ME FIND THE CALL  
BUTTON FOR THE  
STEWARD.



KA-THUNK!

GIVE  
ME  
YOUR  
HAND!

E-100  
UNIT!

I'M  
UNDER  
ATTACK!

GET ME  
OUT OF  
HERE!



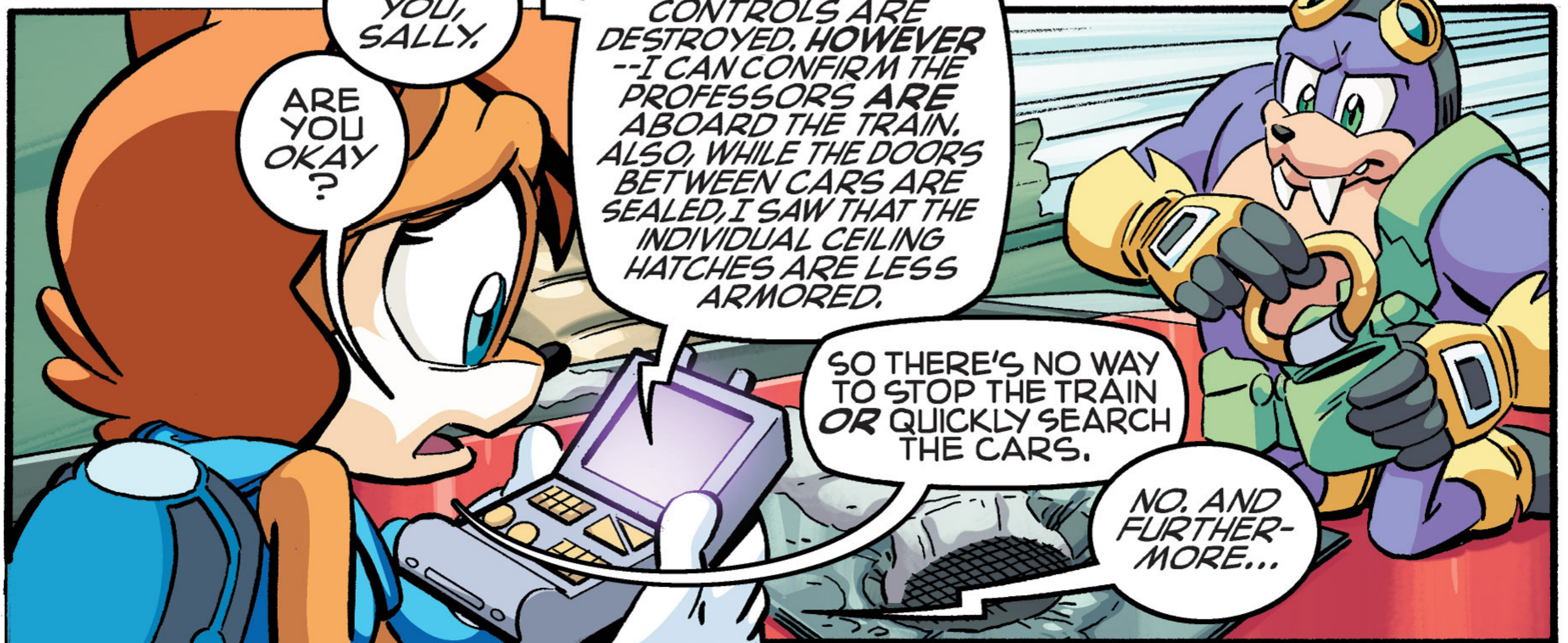
THANK  
YOU,  
SALLY.

ARE  
YOU  
OKAY?

I'M FINE--BUT I'M  
AFRAID THE TRAIN'S  
CONTROLS ARE  
DESTROYED. HOWEVER  
--I CAN CONFIRM THE  
PROFESSORS ARE  
ABOARD THE TRAIN.  
ALSO, WHILE THE DOORS  
BETWEEN CARS ARE  
SEALED, I SAW THAT THE  
INDIVIDUAL CEILING  
HATCHES ARE LESS  
ARMORED.

SO THERE'S NO WAY  
TO STOP THE TRAIN  
OR QUICKLY SEARCH  
THE CARS.

NO. AND  
FURTHER-  
MORE...





...THE E-100  
UNIT DOES  
NOT SEEM  
TO CARE  
ABOUT  
COLLATERAL  
DAMAGE.

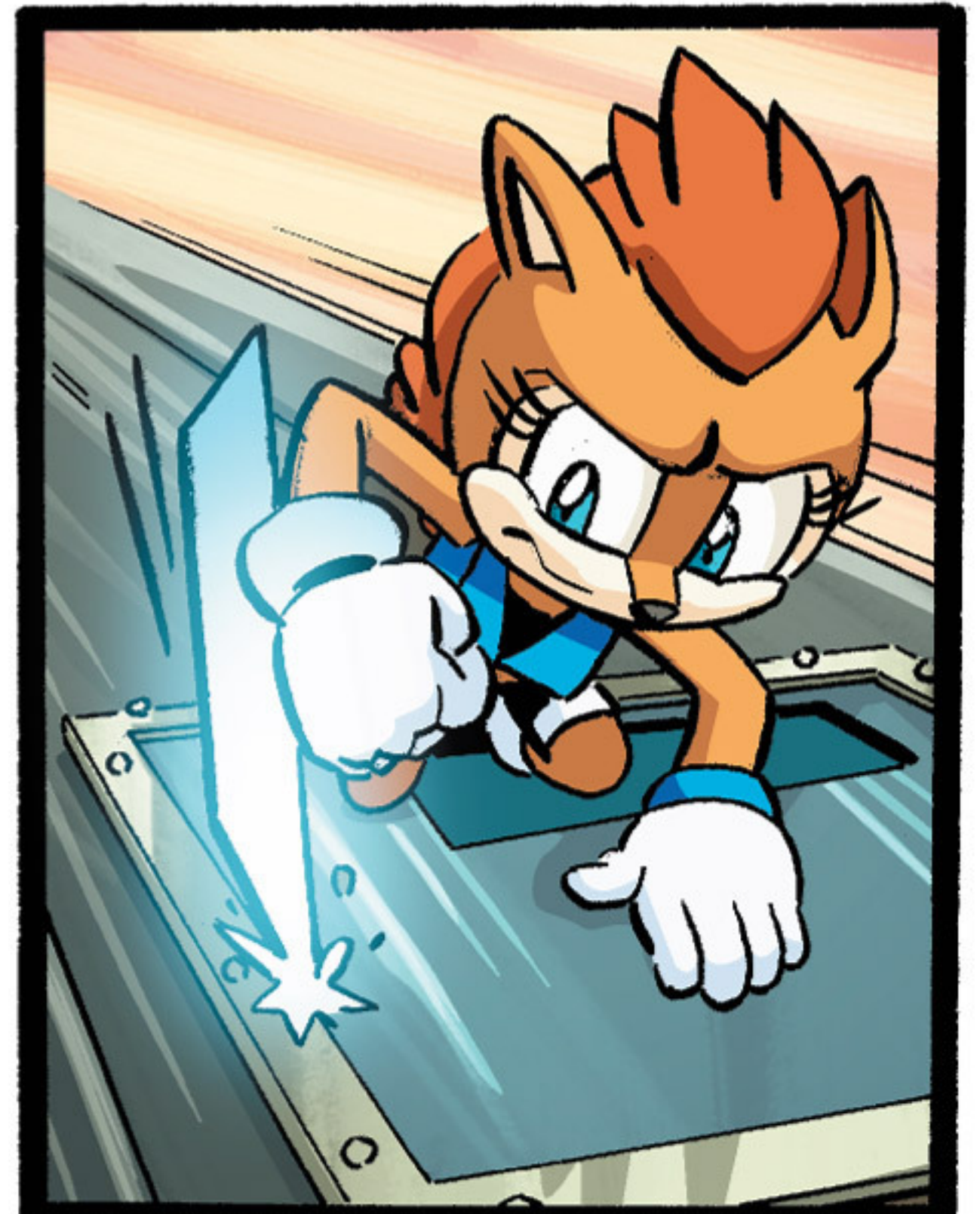
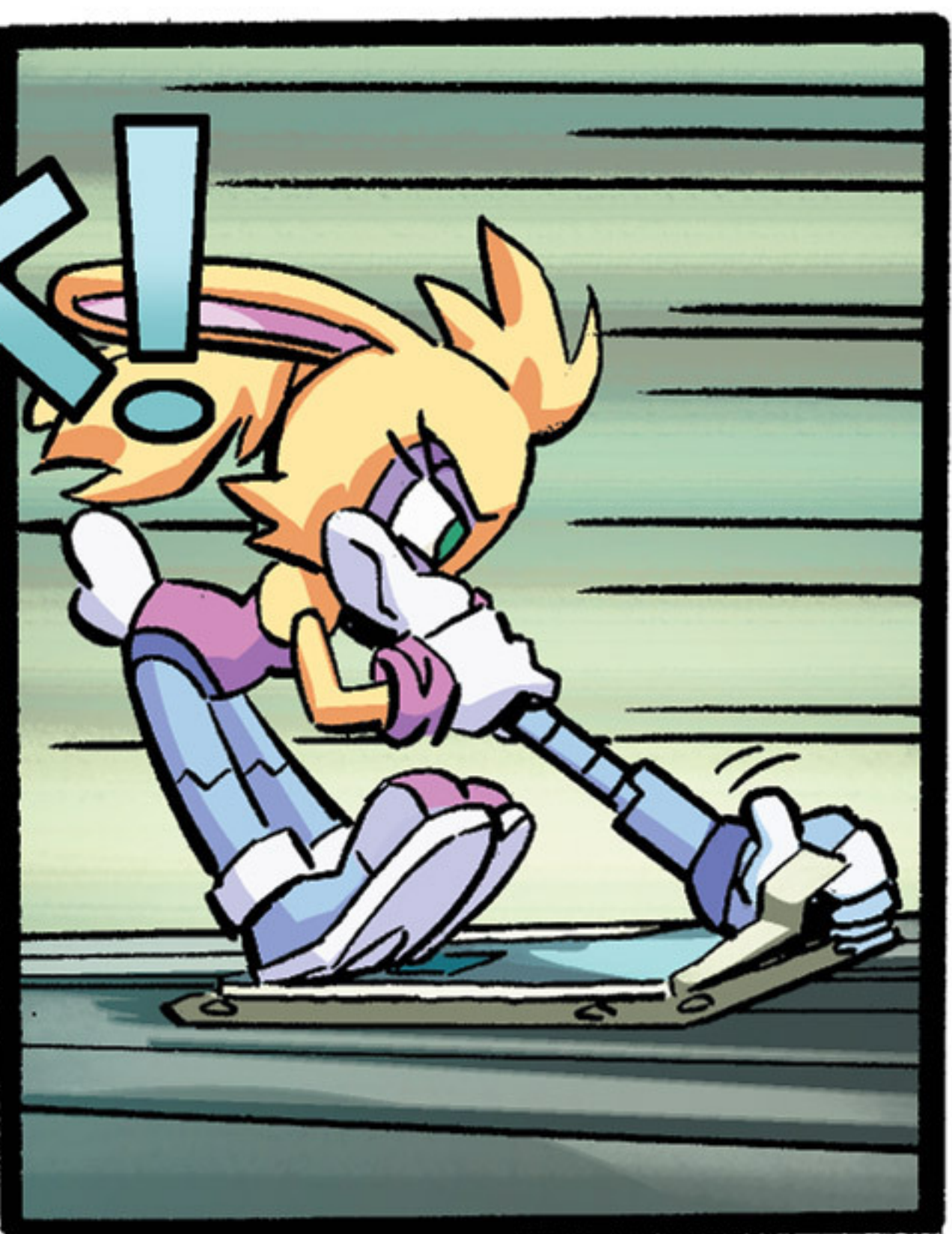
SO MUCH FOR  
FINESSE. WE'RE  
GOING CAR-BY-  
CAR NOW, TEAM  
FIGHTERS!

KA-THUNK!

HUSTLE!  
WE NEED TO  
FIND THE  
PROFESSORS  
AND GET OUT  
OF HERE BEFORE  
THE BADNIK  
GETS US, *OR...*



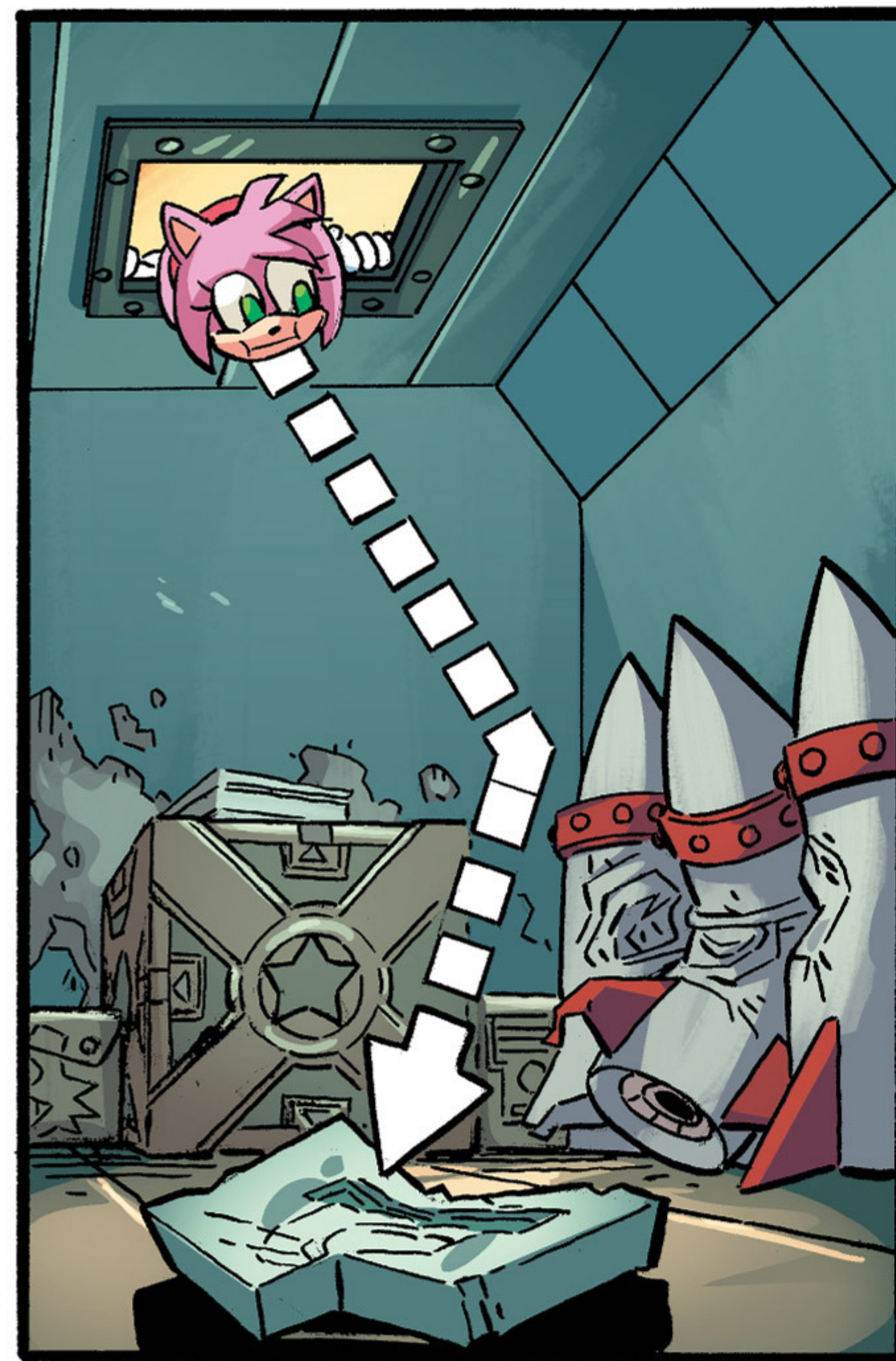
"... BEFORE  
THIS CRAZY  
TRAIN JUMPS  
THE RAILS!"





HA!  
OPEN  
SAYS-A  
ME!

PIKO!



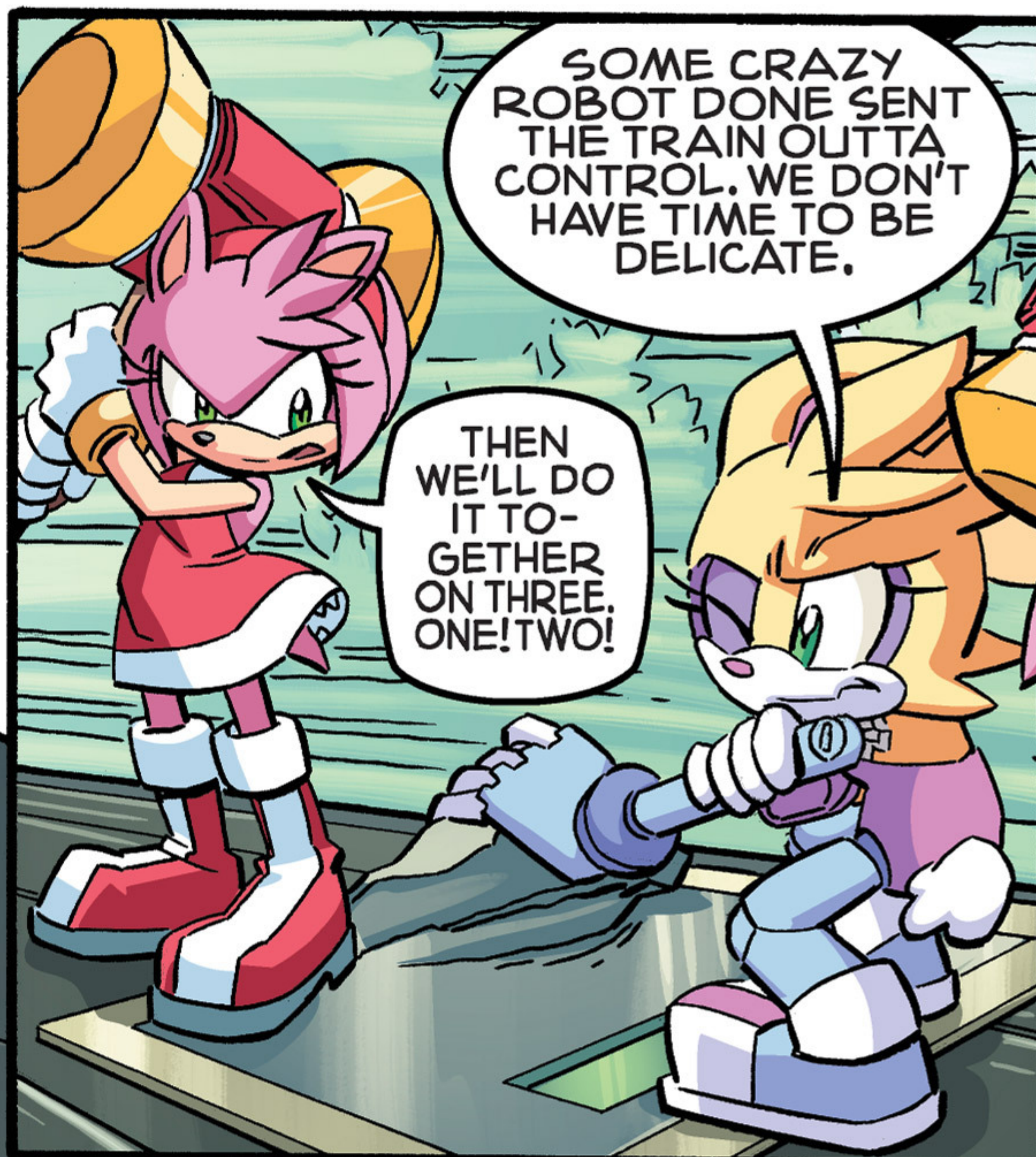
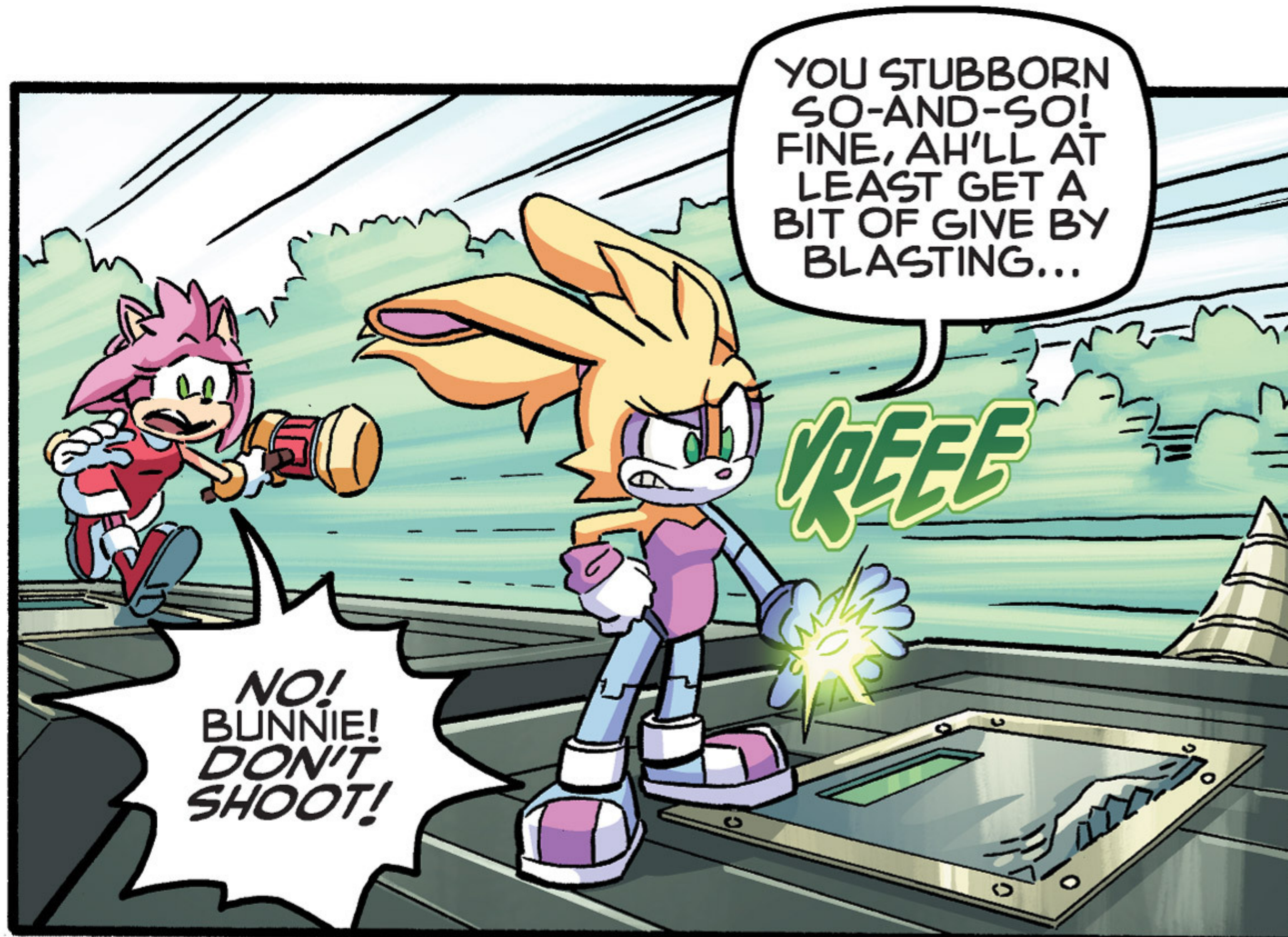
O-O-KAY! WE'RE GOING  
TO BE *MUCH* MORE DELICATE  
WITH THE NEXT CAR! YES!  
AND WE DON'T NEED TO TELL  
ANYONE THAT WE NEARLY  
BLEW US ALL UP!

DO  
WE  
?

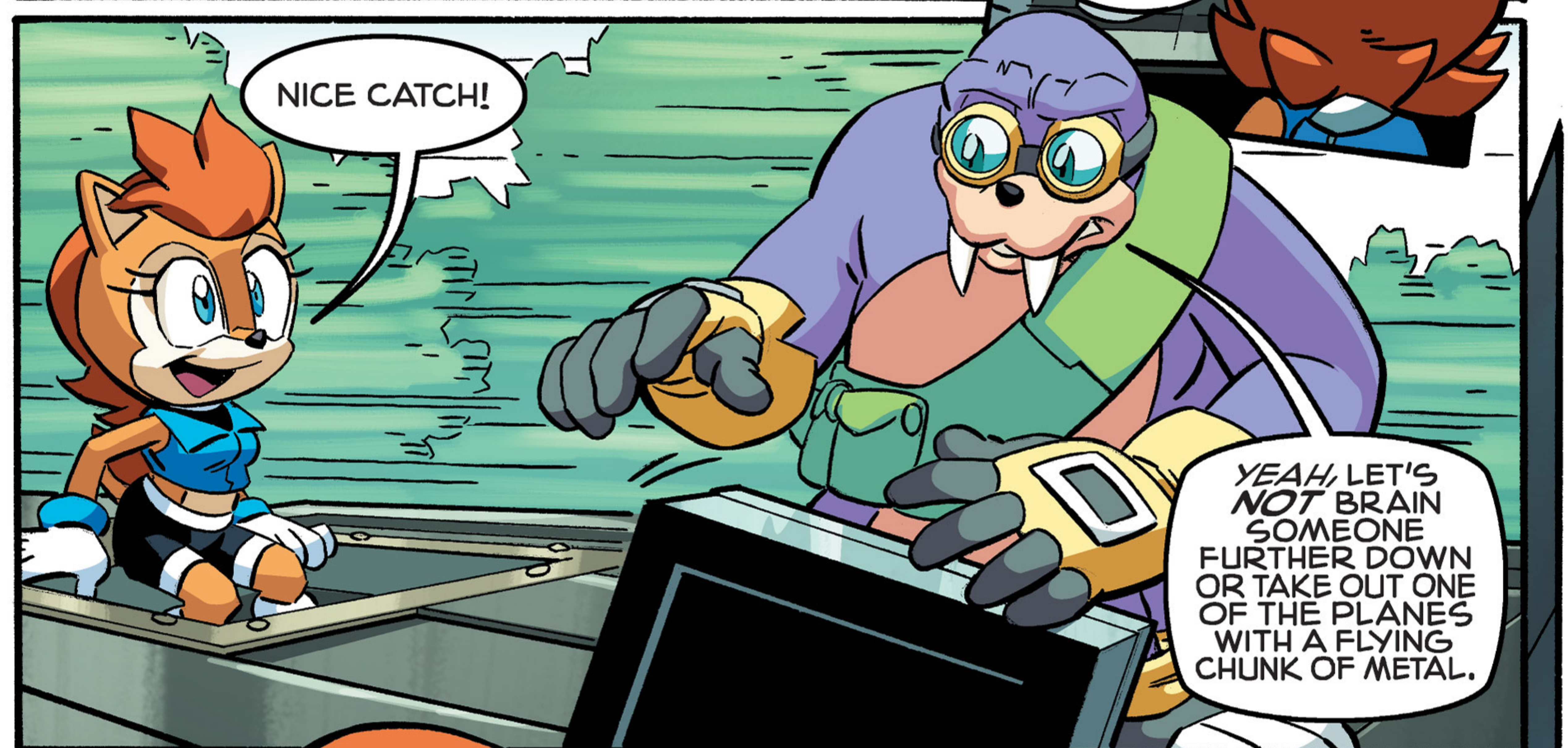
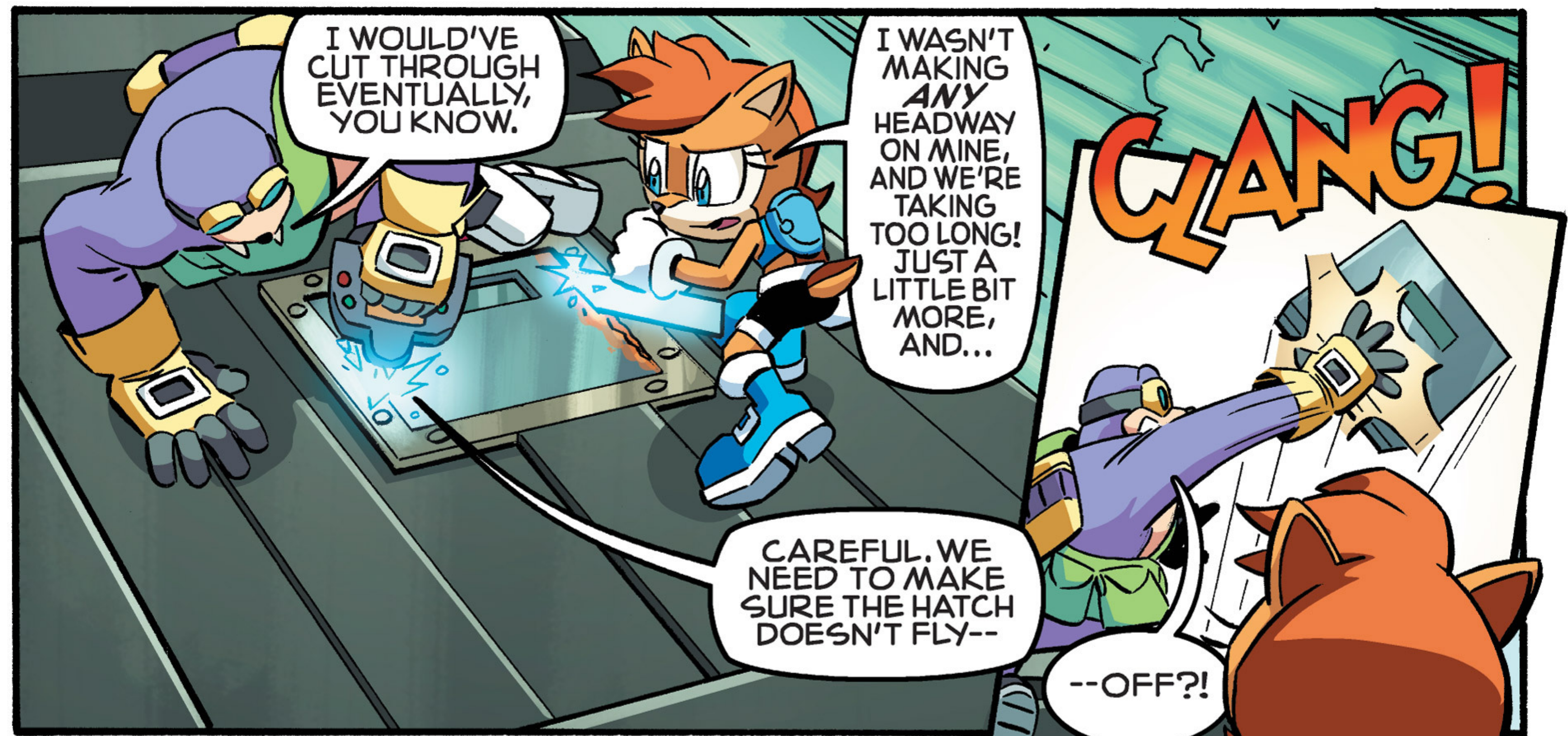
NO! OF  
COURSE  
NOT!

HA  
HA HA-  
ARGH...

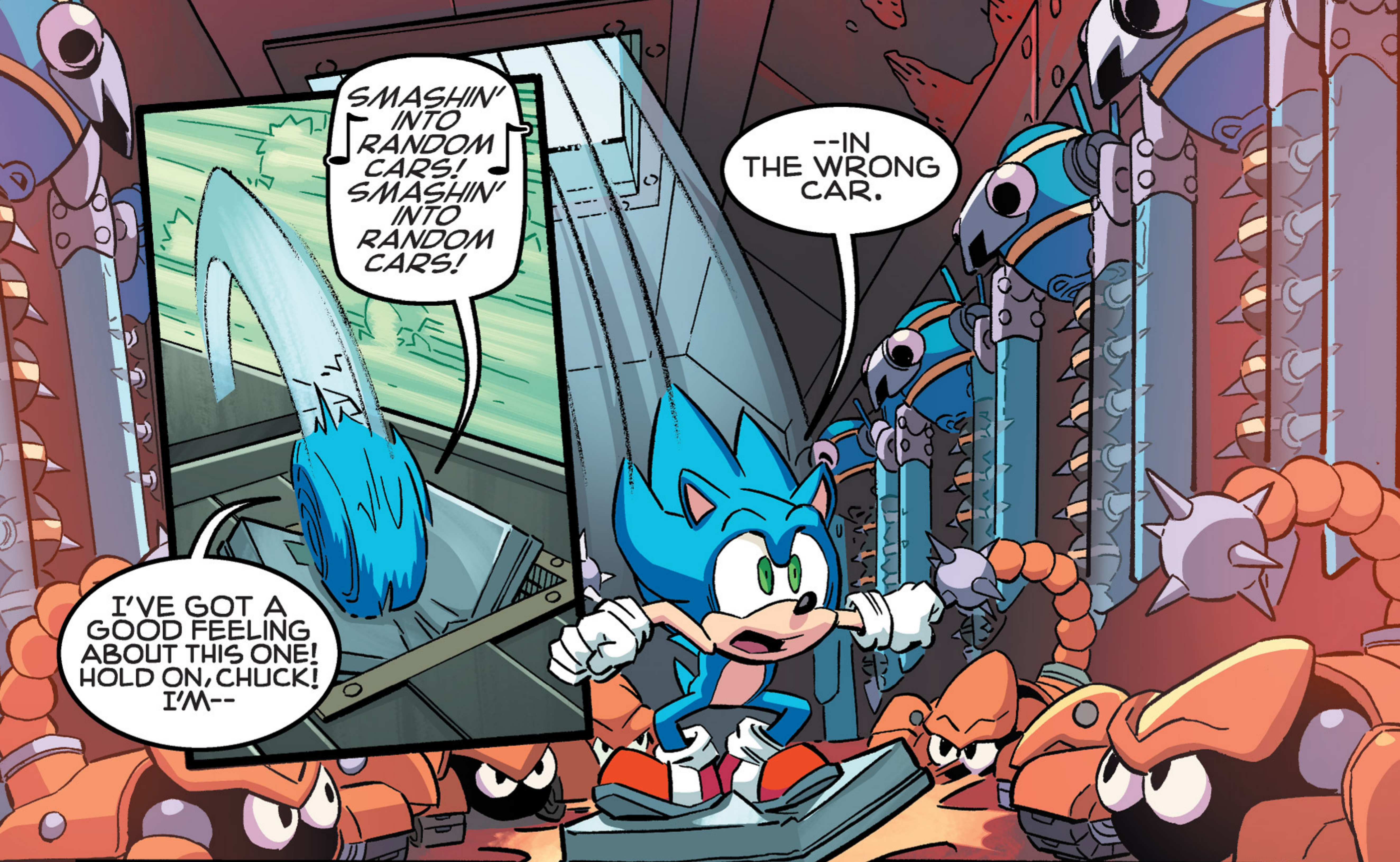












SMASHIN' INTO RANDOM CARS! SMASHIN' INTO RANDOM CARS!

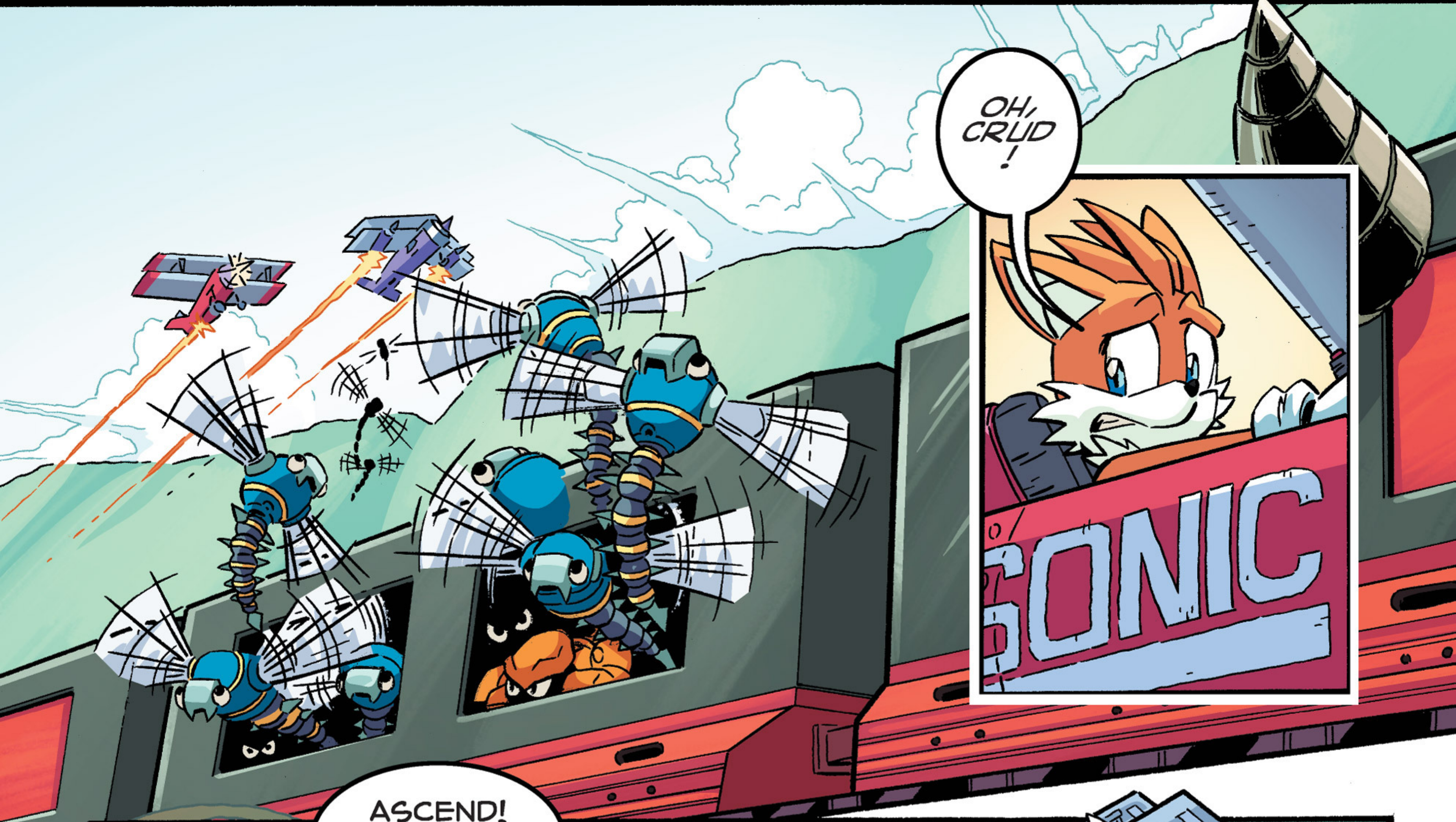
--IN THE WRONG CAR.

I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS ONE! HOLD ON, CHUCK! I'M--

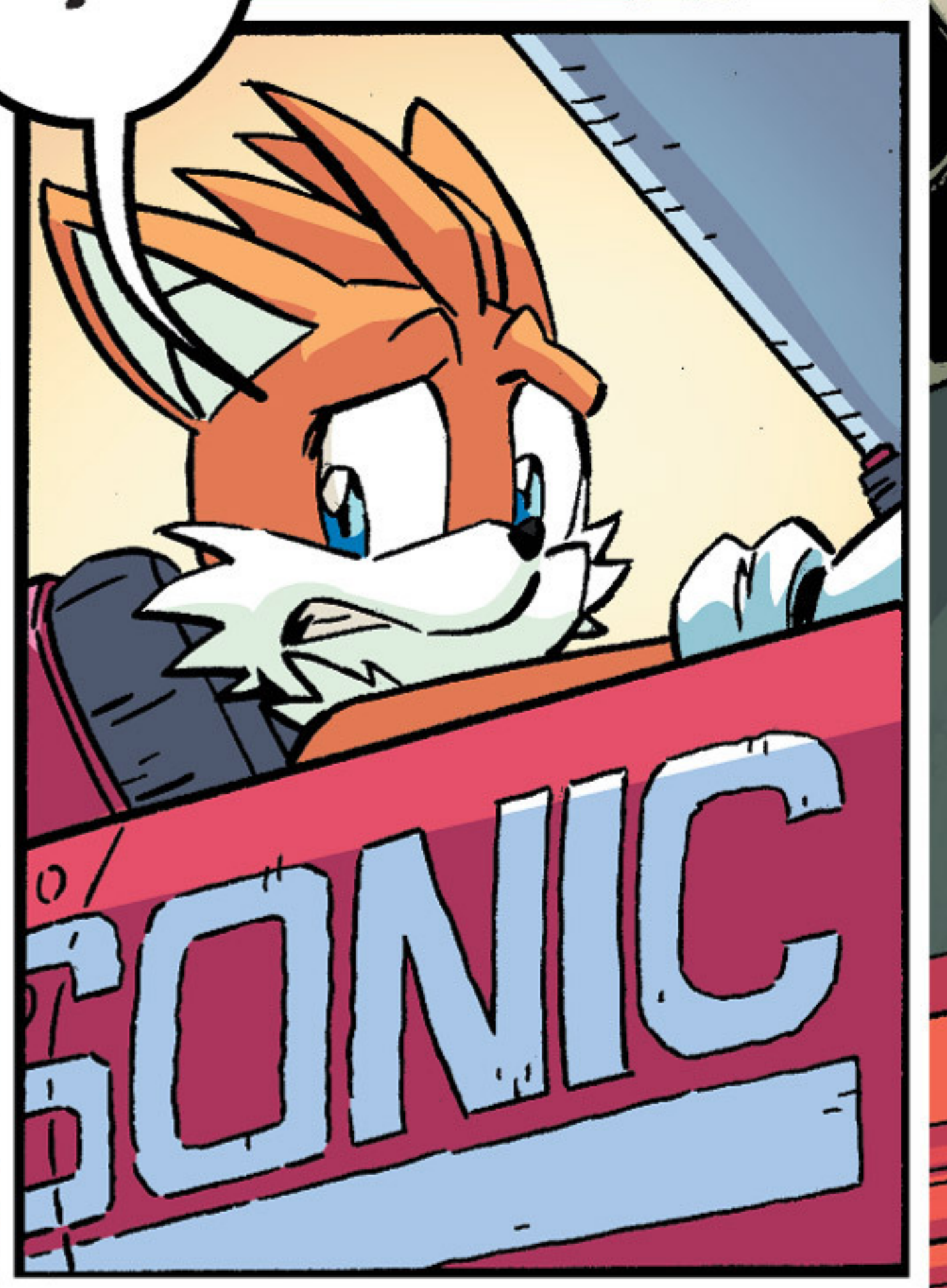


MY BAD! YOU GUYS CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP ...OR STAND BY... OR WHATEVER IT IS BADNIKS DO. I KNOW THE WAY OUT, SO I'LL JUST--



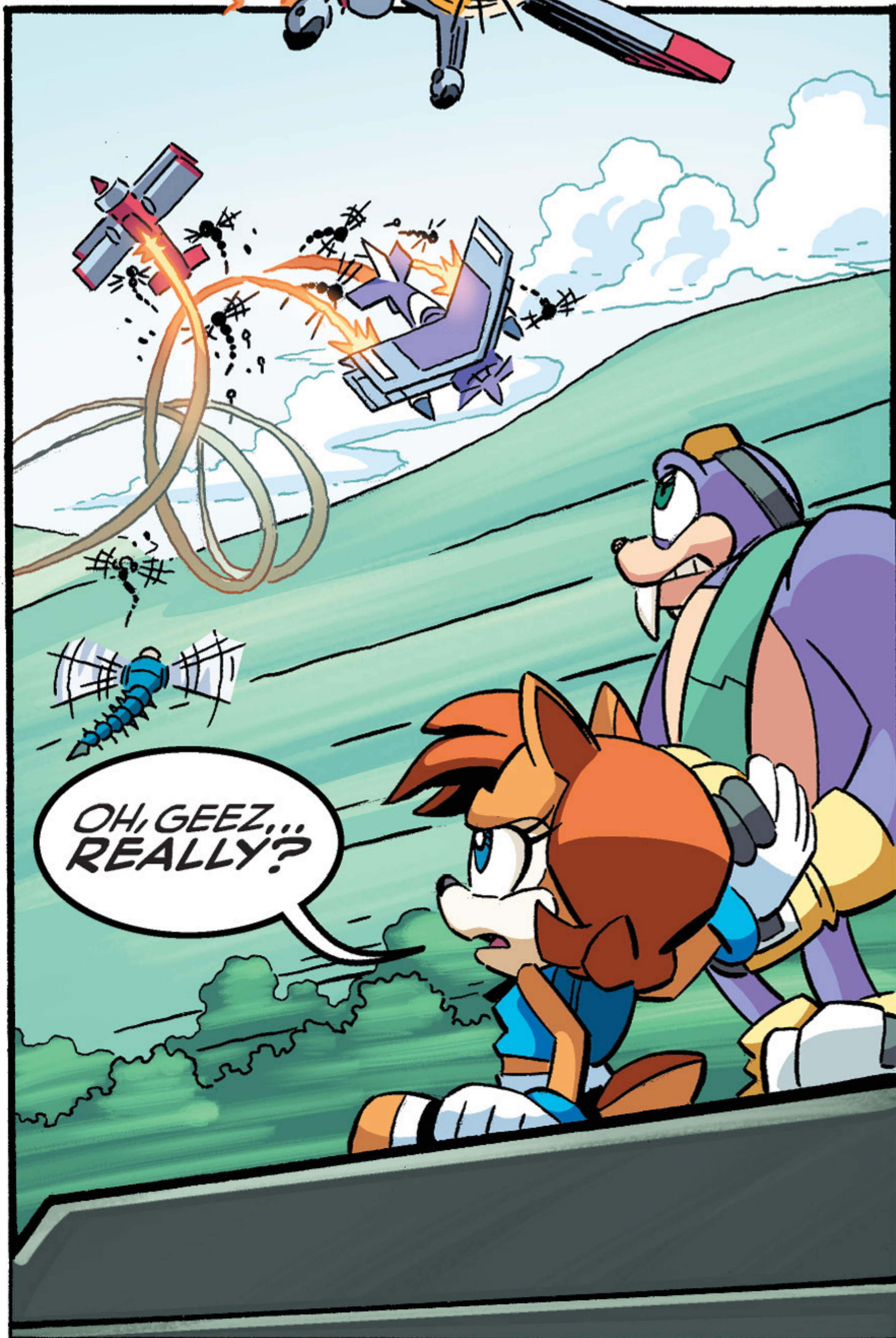


OH, CRUD!

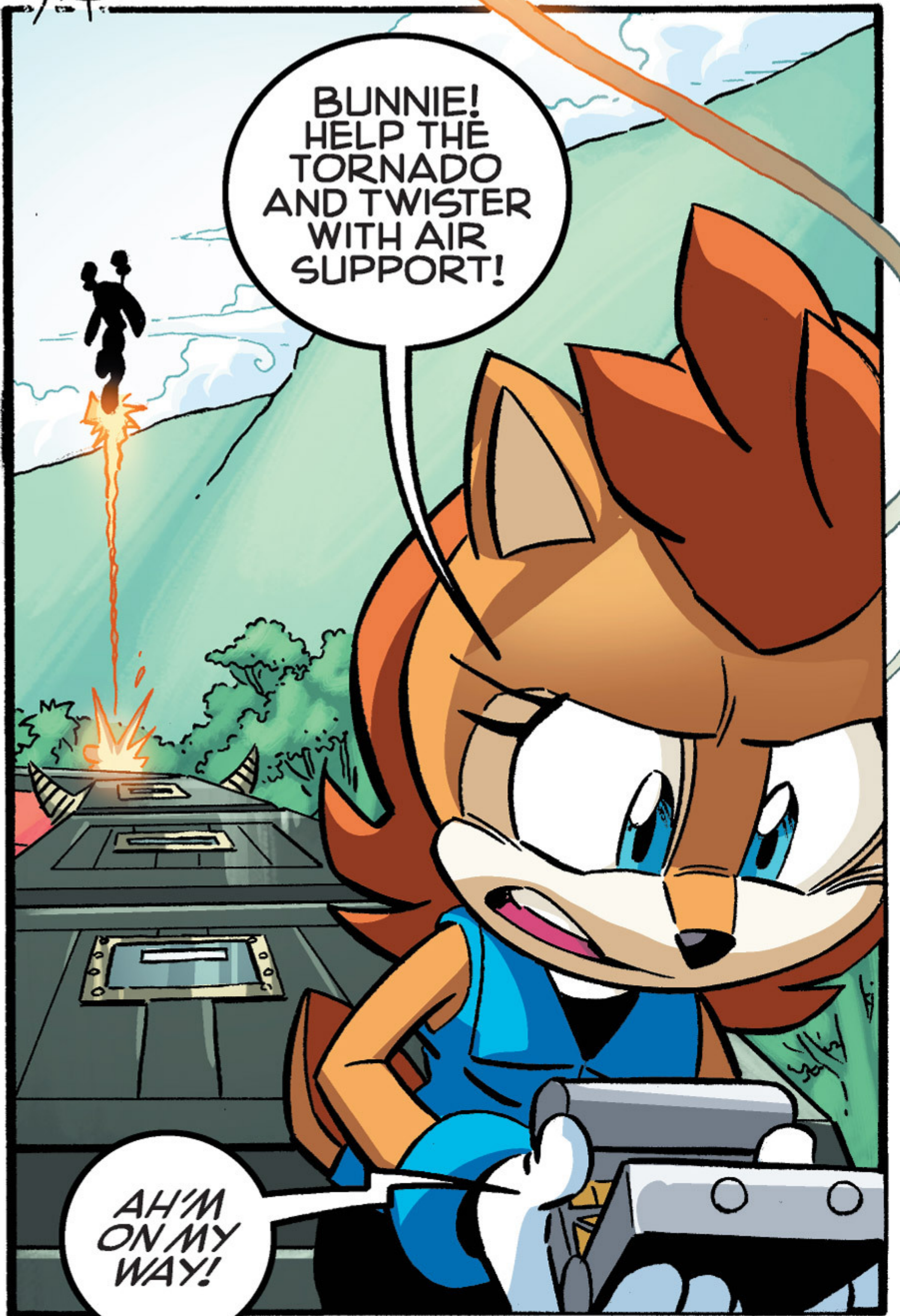


ASCEND!  
EVASIVE  
MANEUVERS!

GYPEP!



OH, GEEZ...  
REALLY?



BUNNIE!  
HELP THE  
TORNADO  
AND TWISTER  
WITH AIR  
SUPPORT!

AH'M  
ON MY  
WAY!





AMY! MOVE UP AND HELP US WITH THE BADNIKS!

WHAT?!

REMIND ME AGAIN WHY I DIDN'T HAVE OMOCHAO AND T-PUP COORDINATING COMMS?

BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T FLY FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH THE TRAIN.

RIGHT, REMIND ME TO GET YOU AND TAILS TO BUILD US SOME HEAD SETS BEFORE THE NEXT MISSION.

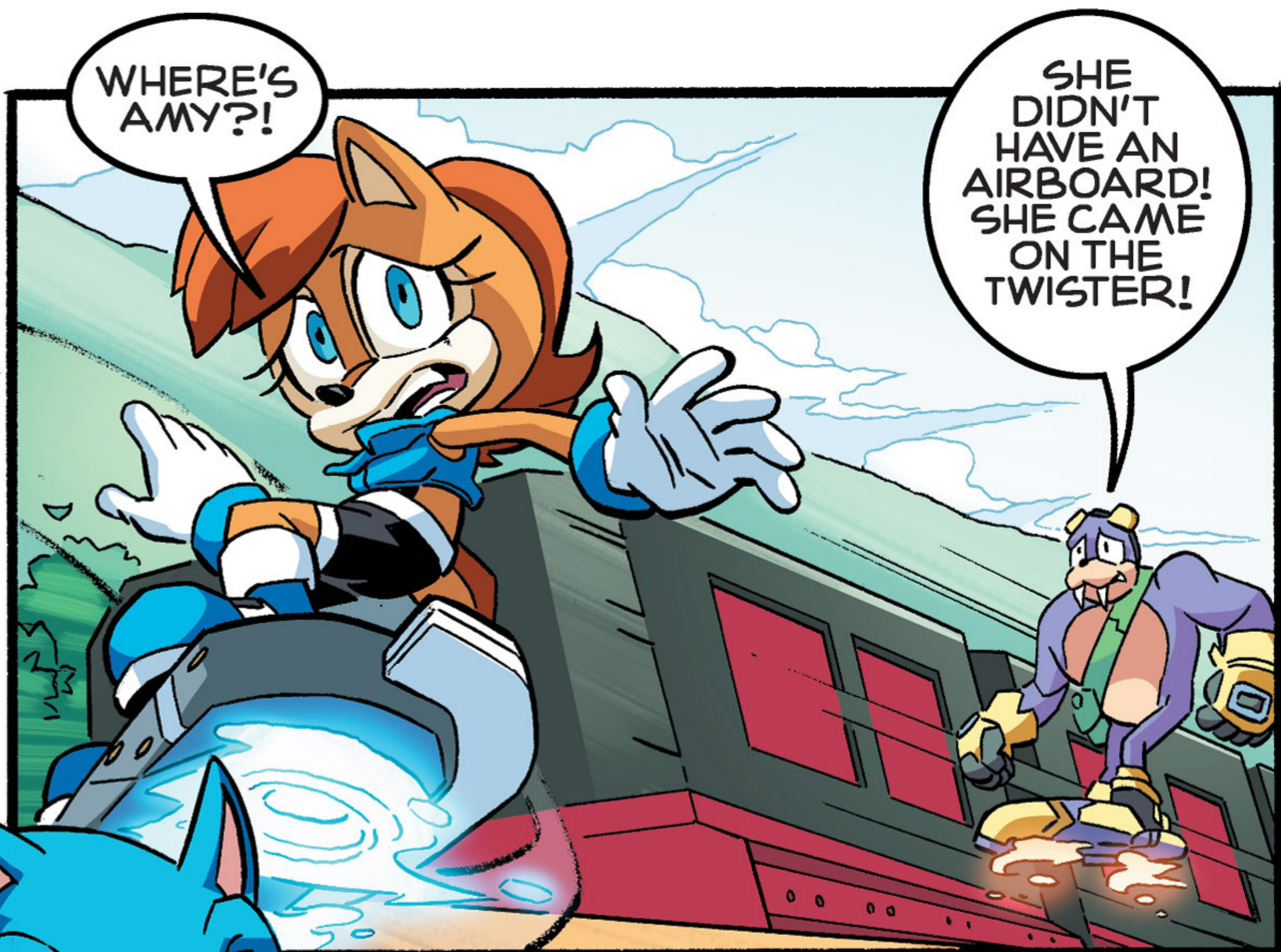
CAN WE WORRY ABOUT THIS MISSION *FIRST* ?!

NOW! *≡HUFF≡* WHAT DID YOU *≡HUFF≡* WANT?



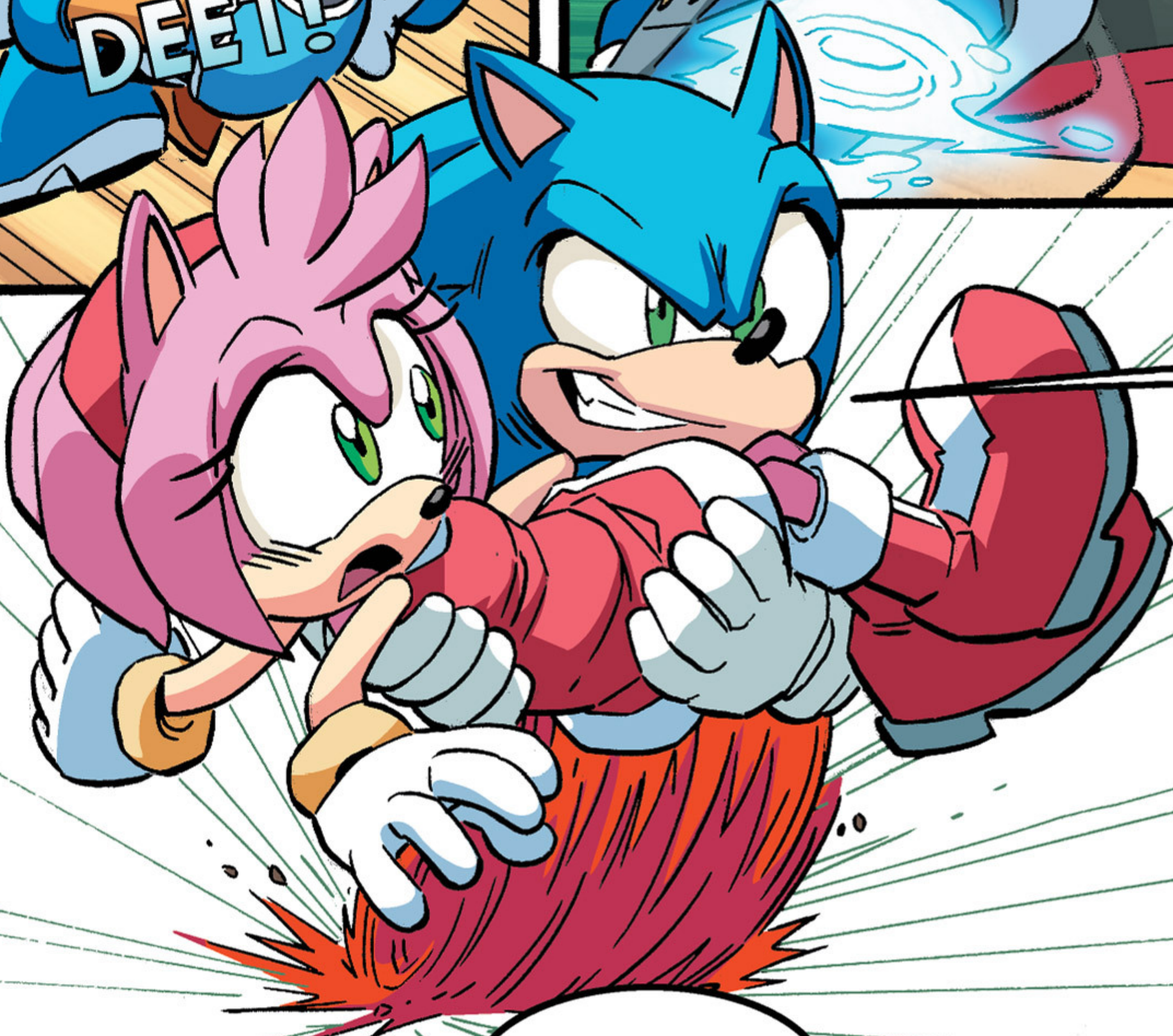






WHERE'S AMY?!

SHE DIDN'T HAVE AN AIRBOARD! SHE CAME ON THE TWISTER!



AND... ONCE AGAIN ...I SAVE THE DAY!



OH, THANK GOODNESS...

NICE!

OH, THANK YOU, SONIC!

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH, I'M AWESOME!



LET'S SAVE THE REST OF THE HERO WORSHIP FOR THE VICTORY PARTY. WE NEED TO FIND CHUCK AND THAT OTHER PROFESSOR GUY.

I'VE GOT AN IDEA. ROTOR, HOLD YOUR AIRBOARD STEADY.





STICK WITH  
SAL AND ROTE.  
I NEED TO  
MOVE FAST.

HMPH!  
FINE!

IT LOOKS LIKE  
THAT LAST  
TURN DID US A  
FAVOR AND GOT  
RID OF THE  
BADNIKS!

STILL--WE'RE  
PLAYING IT  
SAFE! I'LL STAY  
ON MY AIR-  
BOARD AND  
ACT AS YOUR  
SAFETY NET!

I'LL WEAKEN THE  
HATCH WITH MY OMNI-  
TOOL! THEN AMY CAN  
BUST IT OPEN!

KAY! MAN--  
I HOPE  
BUNNIE AND  
THE OTHERS  
ARE HAVING  
AN EASIER  
TIME!



CLANK!

THE PROFESSORS  
BETTER BE IN THIS  
CAR...

WHAT WAS  
THAT?!

I DON'T  
KNOW.

KATHUNK!

NICOLE SAID ALL THE  
PASSAGES BETWEEN  
CARS WERE LOCKED  
DOWN. MAYBE THE  
STRAIN IS STARTING TO  
TEAR THE TRAIN  
APART?

C'MON,  
PROFESSORS!  
C'MON, NO  
BADNIKS!

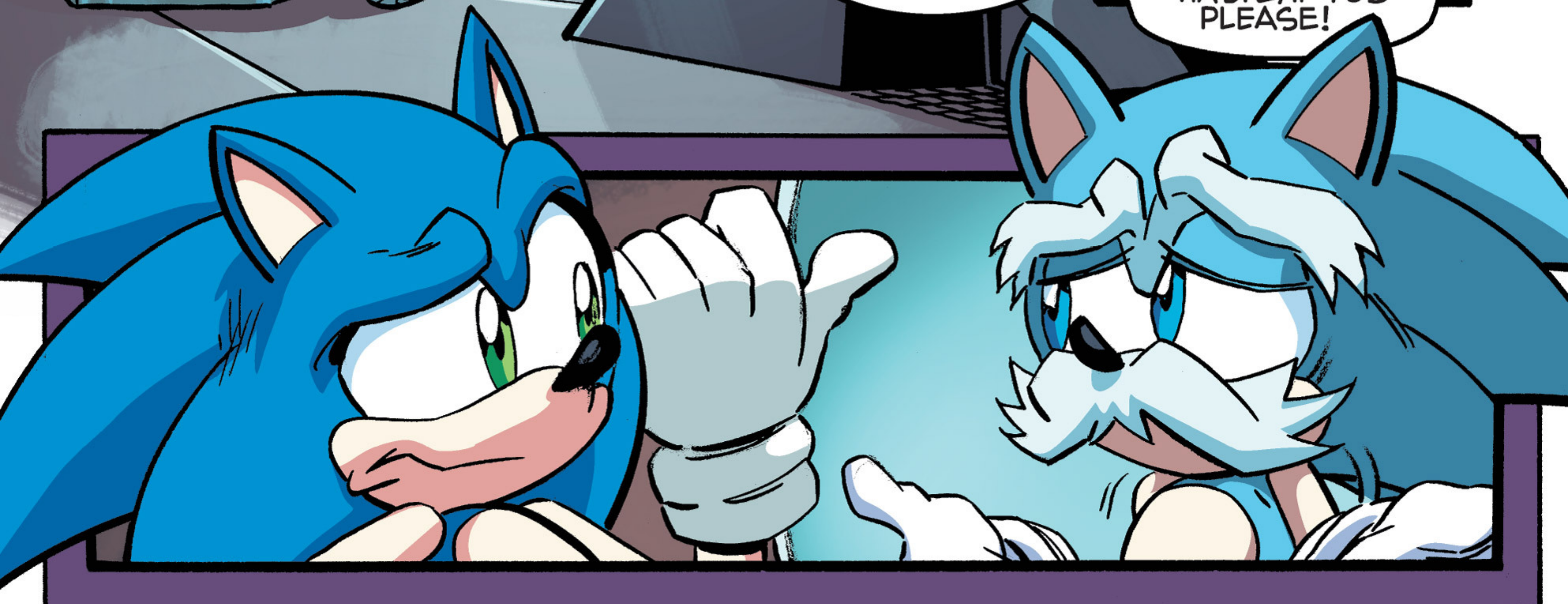
UNCLE  
CHUCK!  
FINALLY!

KLANG!

SONNY-BOY!  
I KNEW YOU'D  
COME FOR US!

HMM?  
ARE YOU THE  
PORTER?

I'LL HAVE YOU  
KNOW I AM *QUITE*  
DISPLEASED WITH  
THE SERVICE ON  
THIS TRAIN. I WILL  
HAVE A CUCUMBER  
SANDWICH POST-  
HASTE, IF YOU  
PLEASE!



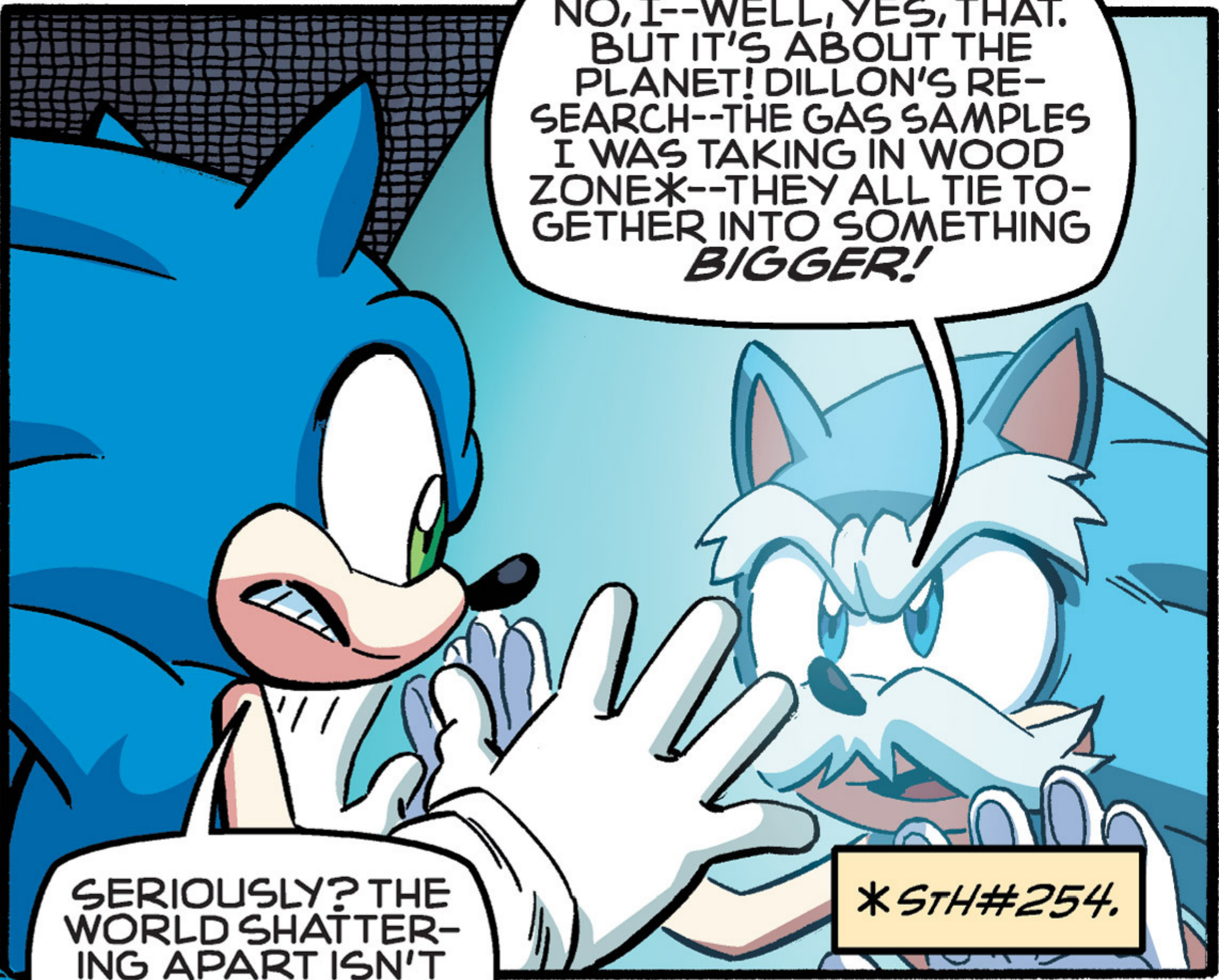




HANG TIGHT, BRAINIACS.  
I'LL FIGURE OUT THE  
BEST WAY TO BUST YOU  
OUT.

HURRY,  
SONIC!

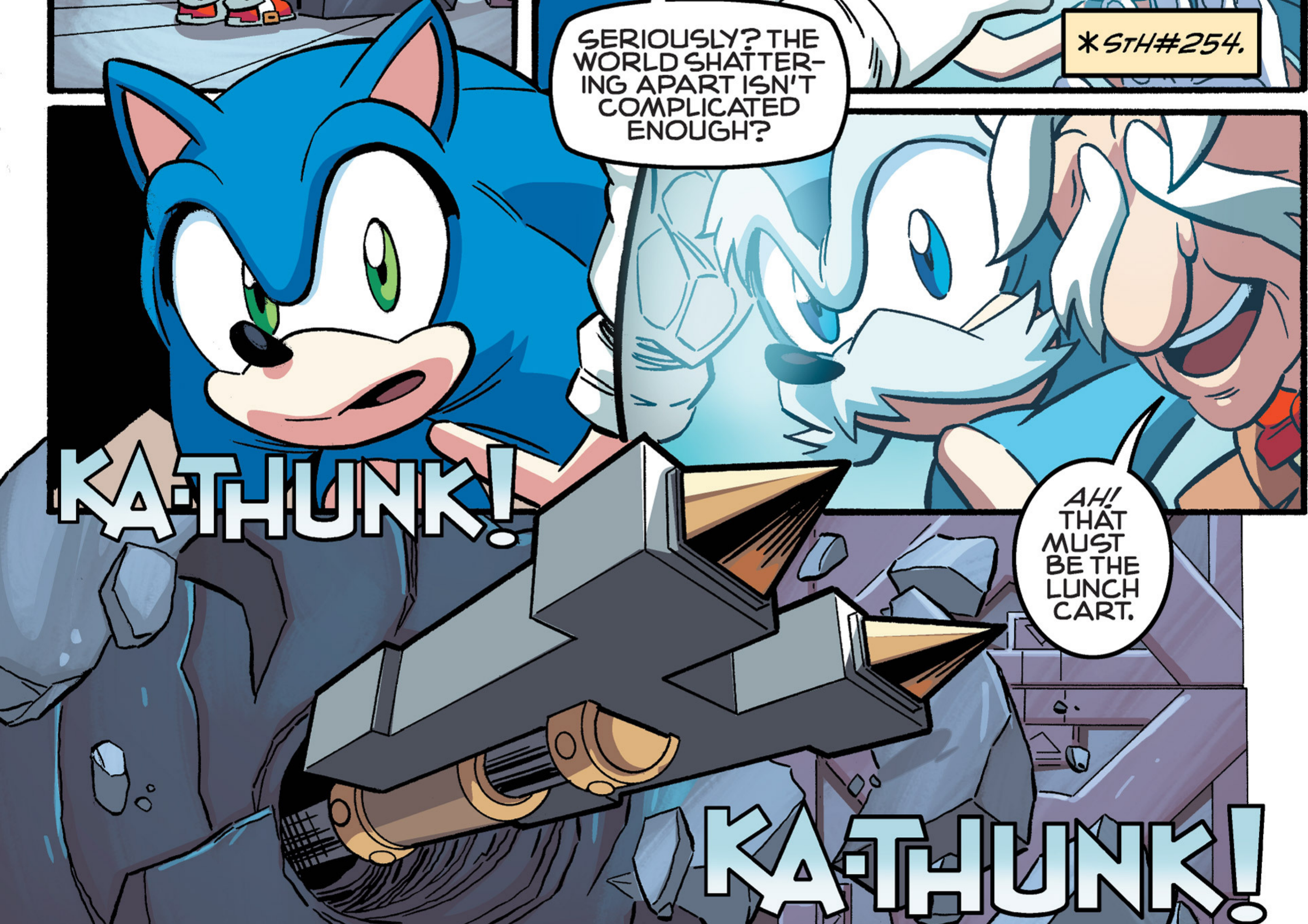
I KNOW, I KNOW.  
THIS TRAIN IS  
OUT OF CONTROL.



NO, I--WELL, YES, THAT.  
BUT IT'S ABOUT THE  
PLANET! DILLON'S RE-  
SEARCH--THE GAS SAMPLES  
I WAS TAKING IN WOOD  
ZONE\*--THEY ALL TIE TO-  
GETHER INTO SOMETHING  
**BIGGER!**

SERIOUSLY? THE  
WORLD SHATTER-  
ING APART ISN'T  
COMPLICATED  
ENOUGH?

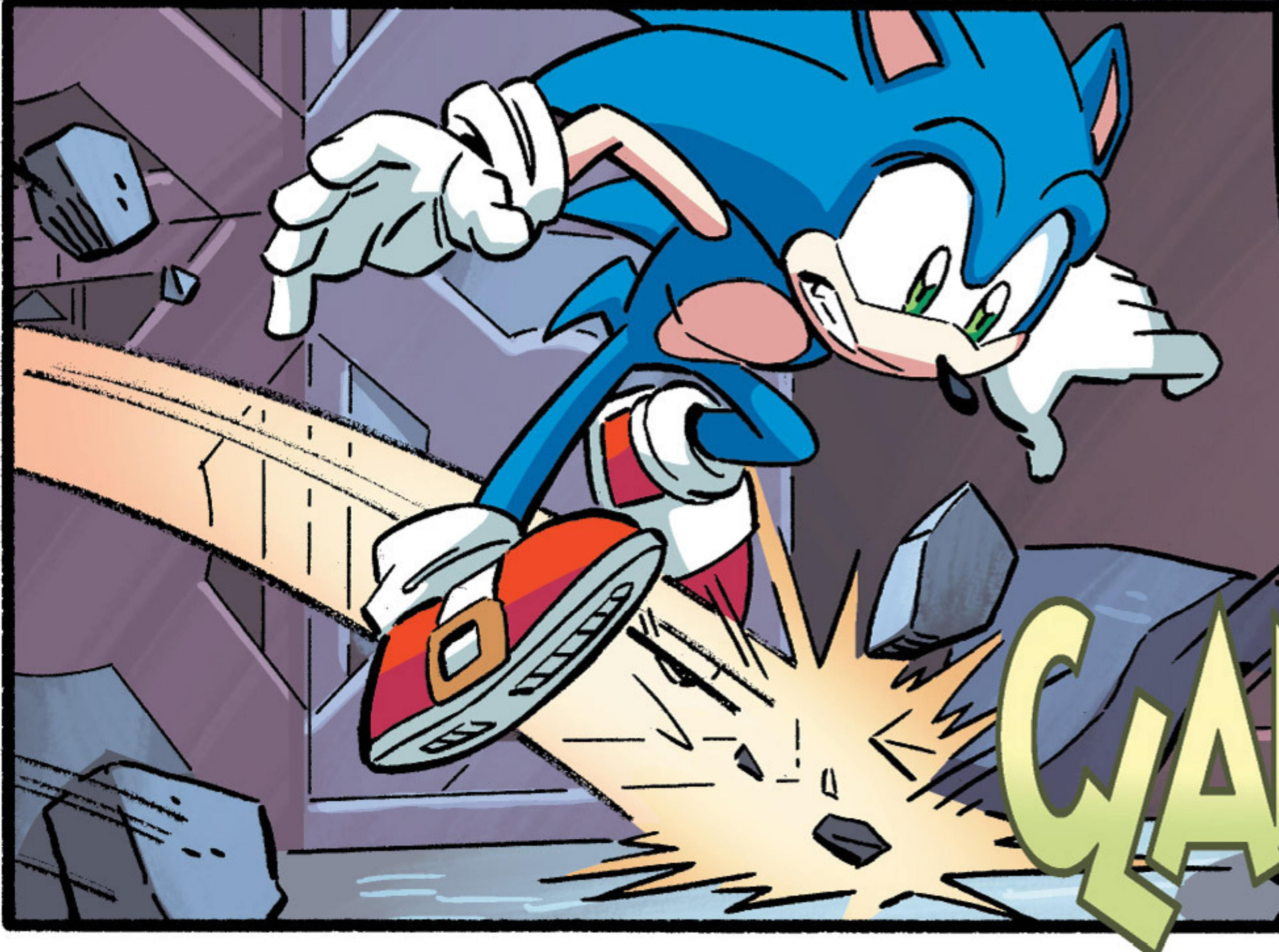
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**KA-THUNK!**

AH!  
THAT  
MUST  
BE THE  
LUNCH  
CART.

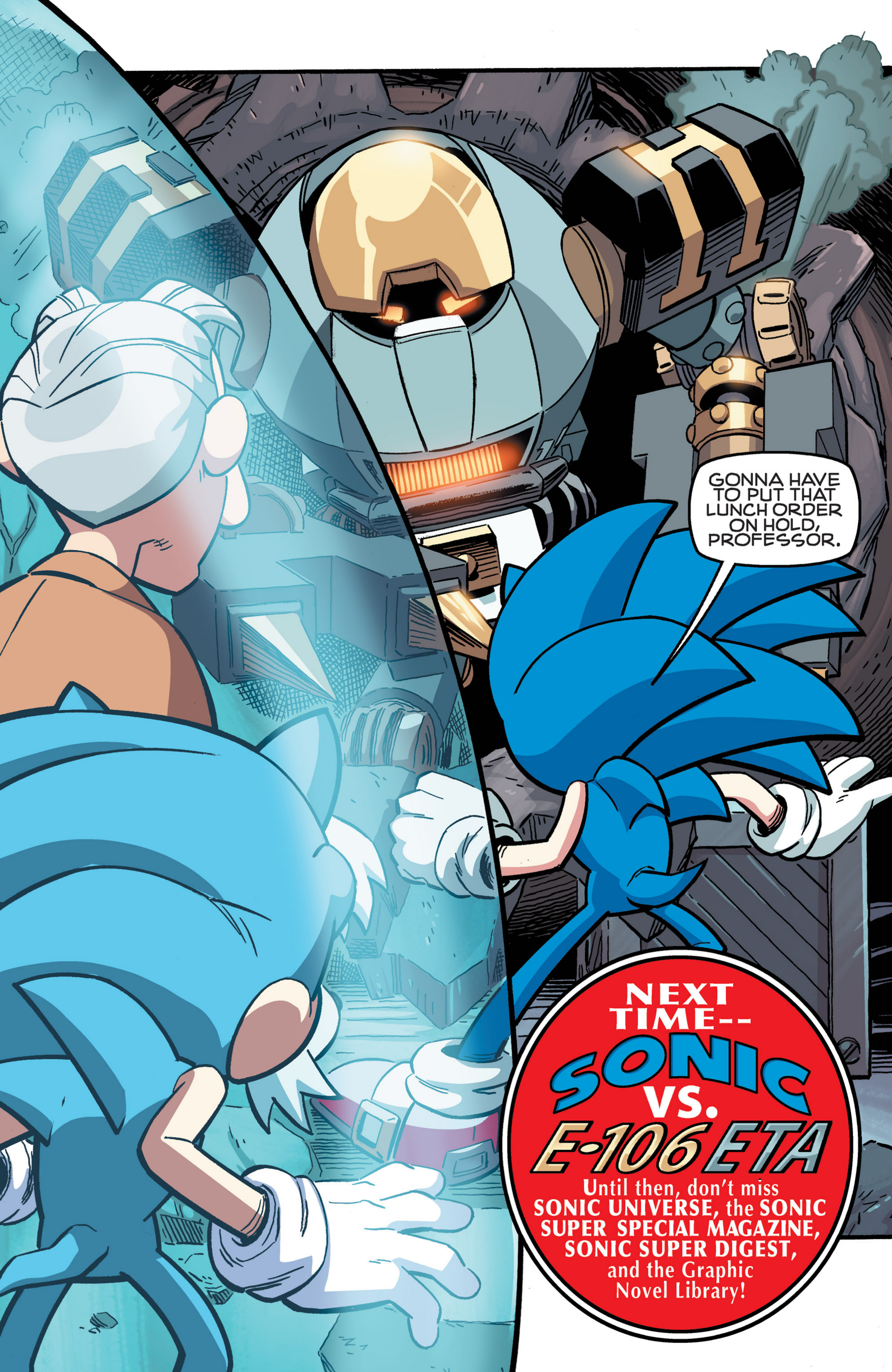
**KA-THUNK!**



**QANG!**







GONNA HAVE  
TO PUT THAT  
LUNCH ORDER  
ON HOLD,  
PROFESSOR.

**NEXT  
TIME--**

**SONIC  
VS.  
E-106 ETA**

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**Dear 'Sonic Grams,'**  
Hi everyone! I'll have the usual!

**One of our regulars I see!**

I wanted to say that I am currently loving the new comic universe, and I love all the new designs!

**Happy to hear it! We love 'em too!**

Everything is getting so exciting that I am almost literally on the edge of my seat waiting for the next comic!! Also I loved how in 256 Sally and Amy teamed up to fight Metal Sonic. I love both Sally and Amy, so every time I see them working together it makes me smile! I'd love to see them interacting more!

**Your wishes will be granted now that the Freedom Fighters have reassembled!**

I noticed in 254 that when the ground cracked open and Sonic inhaled the purple gasses, he seemed to be making growling noises. And then Uncle Chuck mentioned going to Spagonia. Could this possibly mean that we will be seeing the Werehog soon?

**...Maayyyybbeeee...**

And finally, I know someone already asked this, but can you guys please bring in Honey the Cat? She would make such an awesome edition to the team!

**I hope you all have a great day!**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Brittney N. sent to**  
**Sonic@ArchieComics.com**

P.S. Can you guys tell Amy and Sally I said "Hi"?

**I think she has a fighting chance! Thanks for the letter, Brittney!**

**See y'all next month!**

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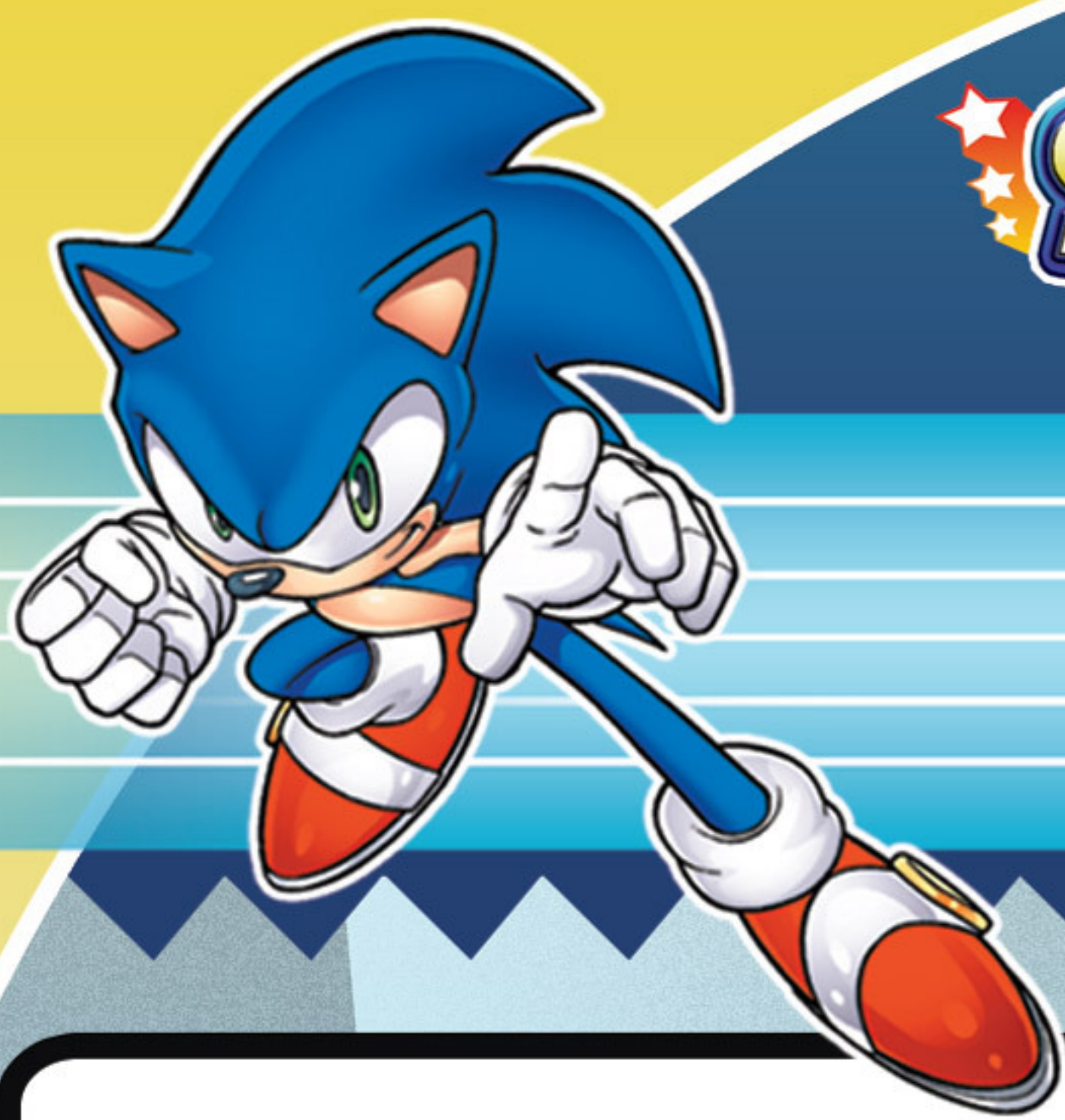


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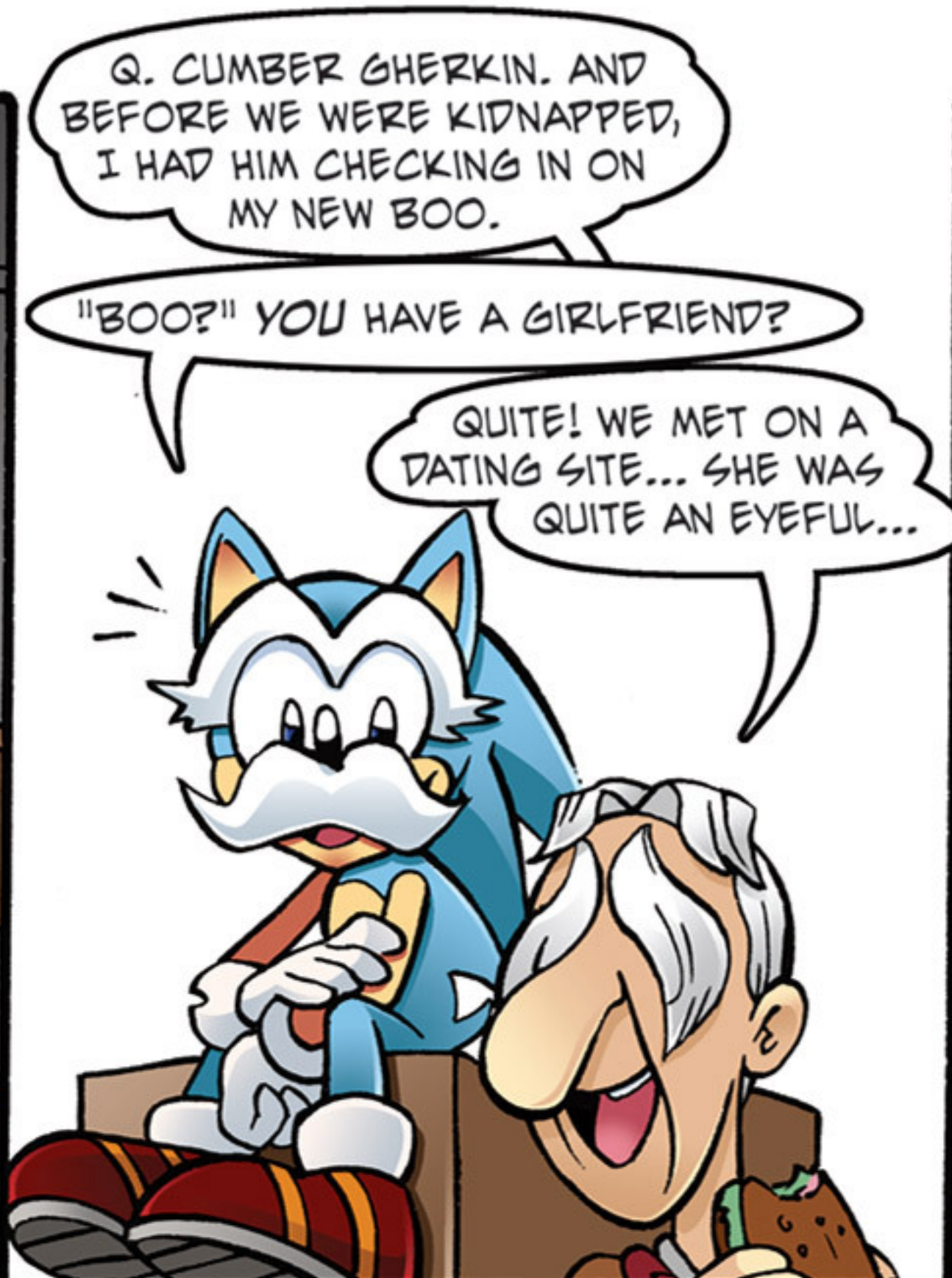
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